



Markets dive after Hong Kong crash

Traders in Chicago make their gloom apparent, as the Dow Jones took a dive yesterday.

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrials tumbled almost 200 points yestenday in a global stock slide miggered by a market panic in Hong Kong and deterio-

In Europe, Frankfurt's DAX index fell 4.7 percent and London's FT- Cola and Gillette have already SE 100 fell 3.1 percent. But US Treasury bonds shot

exports heavily to Southeast Asia. Legg Mason of Baltimore, noting that multinationals such as Cocaseen their profits hurt by the turmoil that took hold in Asian markets during the summer. "The ability of companies [in Asia] or consumers there to consume your products is less.

based. Among the Dow 30, DuPont was the only issue to rise, and IBM, Alcoa and United Technologies were the only components to fall more than 3 points. NYSE volume totaled 669.29 million shares as of 4 p.m., the third largest tally ever. The Standard and Poor's 500stock list fell 17.80 to 950.69, the NYSE composite index fell 9.31 to 499.49, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 36.83 to 1.671.25. Even smaller companies were not spared from the carnage. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 8.89 to 449.36, and small-company dominated the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 10.35 to 703.39. Market report, Page 15

Mashaal warns of more Hamas attacks 'soon'

By JAY BUSHINSKY, STEVE RODAN, ind MOHAMMED NAJIB

Hamas will continue its terror campaign "in the coming days," the organization's Khaled Mashaal warned in an interview published Wednesday

"Our path is clear: armed struggle until the occupiers have been ban-ished," Mashaal told the Jordanian weekly Star. "Nobody in the world can change Hamas's strategy, and in the next few days it will become evident that Hamas has not strayed from this path.'

Another call to "wage war" on Israel, this one made by Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, will be weighed at Sunday's cabinet meeting, a senior official predicted yesterday. He charged the "war call' was made "with the tacit approval of the Palestinian Authority."

Yassin's statements, along with those of Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a Hamas leader who called for more suicide bomh attacks in Israeli

mujahedeen," Rantisi said, using the Arabic word for holy warriors, a term Hamas uses to describe its suicide bombers.

Ahmed Nasser, a member of the Fatah Supreme Committee, said the Oslo Accords between Israel and the PLO are not the answer for Palestinians. But the accords do not prevent what he called Palestinian amhitions and sacrifices.

"Failure of the accord does not stop us from realizing our legitimate rights to return to the struggle and to our rights, and to the return of the diplomatic process to its natural route in accordance to what is written in the agreements," he said.

'PA poisoning atmosphere'. Page 2

The Islamic Jihad is scheduled to organize a rally today in Rafah to mark the second anniversary of the assassination of its leader, Fathi Shkaki. Jihad activists said the

Al Risalah editor Ghazi Hamad said the newspaper would resume publishing in early November. Al Risolah, with an estimated circulation of less than 10,000, is the only local Palestinian publication that consistently features articles critical of the PA and its policies.

Several PA ministers had called for the reopening of Hamas institutions, saying that Israel's release of Yassin had defused the crackdown on Hamas.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's communications adviser, David Bar-Illan, said the most shocking aspect of the Yassin speech is that it took place with the tacit approval of the PA.

"It is the PA's consistent and unchanged abetment of such incitement that makes it so worrisome," Bar-Illan said yesterday.

Yassin's statement, coupled with his deputy's warning that Palestinian suicide bombers are about to strike four Israeli cities, evoked a bitter reaction yesterday from the Foreign Ministry.

"Whoever incites to terrorism and violence cannot take part in the ace process and darms first ark foremost the Palestinian people," said spokesman Aviv Shir-Ôn. He expressed the ministry's "shock and disgust" at the call for jihad against Israel and the dispatch of more suicide bombers against children, women, and elderly per-sons. This "clearly shows that Hamas and its leaders are not seeking peace and coexistence," he Shir-On said Israel will continue to fight terrorism and those who incite it and demands that the international community condemn this incitement and act against it. Itim contributed to this report.

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rating throughout Southeast Asia. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average - fell about 186.88 points to 7,847.77 after twice falling to a deficit of nearly 230 points during the afternoon.

Broader stock measures also sank by about 2 percent, while declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 4-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

The ripples from the financial avalanche in Hong Kong took a heavier toll on other overseas markets. The Nikkei stock average fell 3.0 percent in Japan, which

economic : conditions higher, sending interest rates sharphy lower and cushioning US equity markets, as investors at home and abroad sought out the perceived safety of fixed-income securities and a stable American cconoiny.

The worldwide downturn was triggered by a shocking 10 percent tumble in the Hang Seng index of Hong Kong that deepened fears about weakening profits for companies that depend on Asian markets for a portion of their profits. "These fears [about profits] are fairly genuine," said Richard

August. Cripps, chief market strategist for

UK publication

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Cripps also cautioned, however. that "perception is usually worse than reality." Even among US companies with exposure to Asian markets, he said, "the impact is slight. It may impact up to 5 percent of sales, and a small amount of profits." Yesterday's downturn was the latest setback in the US stock market's struggle to fully recover from a steep slide in

The day's losses were broad-

cides, drew narsh the government.

In an address to 3,500 people at the Islamic University in Gaza on Wednesday, Yassin said, "We have one enemy and we will wage war and fight him until we return to our land and our rights. No to a ceasefire, and we will not concede one inch of our land, however high the price ... A nation without jihad cannot exist. Through our knowledge, faith, and the jihad we will win." Rantisi was more explicit. He

called for more suicide bomb attacks in Israeli cities. "I say today to Jaffa, Haifa, Safed, and Tel Aviv to be ready to meet the

organization s nev Jeader Ramadan Shalah, will address the rally by telephone from Damascus. In a gesture that signals a reversal of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's crackdown last month on the Islamic movement, the PA has given permission to Hamas's weekly newspaper, Al Risalah, to reopen. This followed negotiations between Hamas-aligned Salvation Party member Ahmed Saatti and PA secretary-general Tayeb Abdul-Rahim, Arafat's liaison with the organization. Abdul-Rahim has also begun to discuss the reopening of some of the 16 Hamas institutions closed by the PA in September.

A CLARKER

Lau advises Netanyahu to apologize for Left remarks

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Israel Lan' yesterday advised Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn to apologize for his statement that the left wing had forgotten its Judaism, and said the ensuing uproar is reminiscent of the last days of Pompeii.

Lau urged Netanyahn to ask all his ministers and the heads of the Knesset factions to enhance unity and refrain from harmful polarization

"I trust Netanyahu to find the way to say he did not mean to hurt

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anyone, and that if he did, he is erable mystic Rahhi Yitzhak sorry for it. If I do something Kadouri on Wednesday and asked wrong. I do not hesitate to apologize and say I made a mistake. I didn't hear personally from Netanyahu what he meant, but the way things were perceived, many will feel hurt, and he must say he didn't mean it," Lau said.

Netanyahu responded to Lau's call last night in a statement, saying that he sees importance in fostering reconciliation and unity within Israel, but he also called on the Left to stop seeking confrontation and quarrels. MK Rafi Elul (Labor) met ven-

By ARIEN O'SULLIVAN and DOUGLAS DAVIS

The Mossad's deputy chief and

him to clarify his position on the Left and religion, in view of Netanyahu's statement to him the previous night that "the Left has forgotten what it measns to be Jewish." The two set another meeting for this morning, when Kadouri assured Elul he would issue a statement

Netanyahu said on Wednesdav that his statement had been taken out of context and he attacked the opposition leaders for distorting his words and inciting against him and the government.

The controversial statement was made hy Netanyahu while he was unaware he was being recorded hy Israel Radio.

"It's complete nonsense to say I have doubts about the Judaism or the legitimacy of the Judaism of any left-wing people," Netanyahu said in interviews the next morning, following the public uproar. Netanyahu said he had no inten-

tion of hurting anyone and no one had any cause to be hurt. He said it was "completely clear" that what he said was "something else completely: not about Judaism as a religion, nor about Judaism as a

nationality, hut only about the principle guiding us these past 100 years in Israel, and there are people n the Left who have forgotten it." He added that the principle he was referring to was that the responsihility for Israel's security must not be handed over to strangers.

Netanyahu hlasted all those who attacked him and said they were dividing the nation. "They call their incitement criticism, but when they are criticized, they hasten to incite regardless of the facts



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been referred to in Israel as "H," was identified yesterday by the London-based newsletter Foreign Report, which has also posted his on the Internet name (http://www.foreignreport.com). The newsletter says "H" risks being replaced because of his involvement in the failed assassination of Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal in Amman last month. 4:31 p.m. 5:34 p.m. According to Foreign Report, 4:38 p.m. 5:35 p.m. senior Mossad officers have not 4:39 p.m. 5:38 p.m.

been planning new murders and espionage. Instead, they have been working on the testimony they have been giving to the Clarification Committee investigating the Mashaal fiasco, the report said.

Citing "sources familiar with the Mossad," the reputable newsletter said that in the 1960s the Mossad, one of the world's best-known

secret services, had only 600 employees and its output was double today's. "Experts say that the best way to

start its recovery is to cut the number of employees by half and the budget by a third," said the newsletter, a publication of Jane's Information Group.

Echoing reports in Israel, Foreign Report said that OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine is being tipped to replace Danny Yatom at the helm of the Mossad. Yatom is expected to be forced out following the inquiry by the Clarification Committee, and Foreign Report said "H" is also likely to lose his job, since he had some responsibility for what happened.

The newsletter also quoted Mossad sources as saying it was possible that former Mossad head Shabtai Shavit, who served from 1988 to 1996, would return to the post for an interim period.

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NEWS

Friday, October 24, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

Report: Christians persecuted by PA

then in a PA prison. Another Palestinian convert to

says. When the convert refused,

he was charged and sentenced hy

a PA court for what it called the

crime of insulting a religious

30 inmates, most of whom are

serving life sentences for murder. Yet another Christian convert in

Ramallab was warned hy PA

police to stop proselytizing or he

would be arrested and charged

The report cites the case of an unnamed Ramaliah pastor who was warned recently hy PA secu-

rity agents that they were moni-toring his evangelical activities

and planned to call him in for

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report, particularly those concern-

ing PA harassment of Christian

converts, was confirmed by

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in the Israeli report were either

The officials said that in places

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Christian activists operate freely

despite the opposition of Hamas

militants. In Jericho, for example,

a Christian pastor organized a

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with spying, the report says.

He is now being detained in a Nablus prison cell with more than

Christianity

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church sources.

By STEVE RODAN

The dwindling Christian minority in the Palestinian Authority areas is being persecuted, an Israeli government report says. Cemeteries are being vandalized, churches are being hurglarized and Islamic militants fearlessly harass Christian youngsters, according to the report.

At the same time, the report says, the PA has taken control of the churches and is pressuring their leaders to serve as mouthpieces for Yasser Arafat and oppoents of Israel.

"On the social and religious level, the few Christians remaining in PA-controlled areas are subjected to brutal and relentless persecution," the report says.

"Christian cemeteries have been destroyed, monasteries have had their telephone lines cut, and there have been break-ins to convents.

Virtually none of these incidents are reported to authorities because of fear of retaliation, the report says.

The report reviews the August clash between Christians and police in Beit Sahur, prompted by an attack hy Islamic militants on Christian youngsters. Six people were injured in the clash and none of the police officers was disciplined

"Rather than investigating the incident and punishing those responsible," the report says, "the PA is attempting to cover it up and has threatened anyone who dares to publicize the story."

The report also details the harassment of Christian pastors Moslem converts tn parade in June in which about 100 and

people sang songs in praise of Jesus as they marched down the In late June, one convert in the northern West Bank was arrested main street of this predominantly hy PA Preventive Security Service Mnslem town. agents and has been tortured since

Ibrahim Kandelaft, responsible for Christian affairs in the PA, said he recalls some reports of vandalism of Christian cemeter-

Christianity living near Nablus was arrested hy PA police and urged hy a Moslem preacher to renounce his new faith, the report "These are very minor accidents," he said.

"Perhaps they are done by children. They don't mean any harm." He added, "We Christians have fanatic minority. If they see a Moslem pass through a cemetery, they say he is bent on desecratior

Kandelaft said be was informed hy a foreign journalist of the arrest nf a Christian convert but has not come across any such cases himself.

He said many Christians, both men and women, marry Moslems without incident. 'The PA doesn't interfere in

this," he said. The report says Christians are rapidly emigrating from PA areas. It says Bethlehem, which in 1948 was 80 percent Christian, is today 80 percent Moslem. The PA plans to hold a census in Jerusalem, where many Christians still reside.

"Today, there are very few Christians remaining in the Palestinian-controlled parts of the West Bank," the report said.

"Those who can, emigrate. There will soon be no Christians remaining in PA-controlled areas," the report says.

The PA is trying to hide the fact that there is a massive wave of Christian emigration from the areas under its control.

7 Palestinian quarry owners held in explosives scam

the seven are suspected of blasting

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Police, IDF troops, and security forces arrested seven Palestinian quarry owners from the Hebron area on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Their arrests are connected with the ongoing police investigation of large amounts of explosives that have disappeared from building sites in the West Bank.

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without permits at different quarries using explosives that were illegally sold or held by Israeli contractors arrested last week. He added that more arrests are likely and hundreds of kilos of explosives are still unaccounted for.

Ben-Ruby stressed that police and security forces fear that some of the missing explosives have already reached the hands of ter-TOTI

Israeli contractors suspected of illegally possessing and selling explosives. In the backyard of one contractor's home police found 170 kg. of explosives. scores of detonators, and fuse cord. Their arrests came shortly after the arrests of two Palestinians near Ma'aleh Adumim carrying 50 kg. of explosives in their car. The two led police to a building in the village of Bani Naim near Hebron, an .

Israel criticizes PA for saying peace process still frozen not change Israel's position. He said he boped the US would find

a way to force Israel to change its negotiating stance during the Senior officials accused the high-level talks in Washington Palestinian Authority yesterday next week. The officials "deplored" simiof "poisoning the diplomatic atmosphere" by contending that lar comments by the PA's various the peace process is still frozen spokesmen and contended that despite US peace envoy Dennis since the renewal of contacts in Ross's claim that important New York with the assistance of

progress had been made in the the US last month there had been a number of meetings at the They deploted such statements seniot level as well as working sessions field took place in a posterio and and spin of the second secon as the one made by the PA's information minister. Yasser Abed-Rabbo, that "no progress has been achieved." The PA said They noted that the Israeli yesterday Ross had failed in his attempt to achieve agreement negotiating teams had been between Israelis and Palestinians instructed to try to make headon the implementation of the

In contrast, they said the "repeated statements" by PA aides to the contrary was "sur-

officials left the region for meetings in Europe and the US. PA Chairman Yasser Arafat began his tour of Europe and met French President Jacques Chirac. Aides of Chirac said Arafat had

made "a very pessimistic analysis" of the situation, which the French president deemed "completely blocked." Arafat later extended Jewish New Year's wishes in Hebrew to the Israeli people. "I want to say Shana Tova [Happy New Year] and Hest wishes from the Palestinian people to the Jewish

people; to our Israeli partners," be said at the start of an address to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. After an emotional tribute to

assassinated Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin, Arafat said that since Netanyabii took power last "the great hopes born of the

terrorism unless we pull out their roots and eradicate their causes."

PA Preventive Security Service chief Jibril Rajouh flew to Washington for meetings with US defense and foreign affairs officials, Palestinian officials said the Rajoub meetings are meant to persuade the Clinton administration and Congress that the PA is serious about fighting terrorism.

Ahmed Abdul-Rahman, secretary of the PA cabinet, said the Washington negotiations will focus on four issues: the implementation of the first and second further redeployment in the West Bank; the halt in construction of settlements; mutual security for Israelis and Palestinians; and final status negotiations.

Abdul-Rahman said that without progress ou the issues of redeployment and a halt in settlement there is no reason to continiations. He s Palestinian aim in the talks is to "liberate Palestinian land by the withdrawal of Israeli forces, and not running in an empty circle always talking about terrorism and security."

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By STEVE RODAN, JAY BUSHINSKY,

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MOSSAD

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Levine is considered the prime contender to take over the Mossad, the newsletter reported, because he is close to retirement and close to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. He was, according to Foreign Report, head of the General Staff Reconnaissance Unit (Sayeret Matkal) when Netanyahu was a

defeated and humiliated," Kaouk private, and he was instrumental in persuading Netanyahu to is quoted as saying.

extend his army service and become an officer.

The newsletter also described a recent purported exchange between Levine and Sheikh Nabil Kaouk, head of Hizhullah in south Lebanon. It quotes Kaouk as say-ing he had heard privately that Levine was to retire shortly and that the Israeli general was anxious to ensure his assignment would end honorably and happily. "I sent him a message via the UN force that he would leave

tions aimed at ensuring Arab attendance at the Middle East economic conference in Oatar next month. PA Local Government Minister

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Netanyahu said that in speaking about the hiblical spies he meant

to say that many on the Left have

forgotten the key to the Jewish

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Opposition leader Ehud Barak

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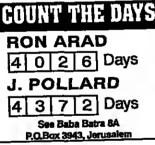
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peace process began to fade." fact that Ross and his staff believe that the talks indeed did Arafat. said he condemned Hamas suicide attacks and made every effort to thwart such actions, "but it is not possible to hy PA officials came as senior . eradicate acts of violence and



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"The Old Boys' Club"

Ilane Podolsky will be going to jail on Podolsky case was far less convincing than October 26 because she, as e new that in the Dinitz case. Ilana, after all, was immigrant from Russia, does not belong to the "Old Boys' Club". Sinche Dinitz does. The former head of the Jewish Agency was convicted by a District Court Judge of the crime of misusing Agency funds for his own personal benefit. He will not be going to jail, nor will there be a criminal record against nor will there be a criminal record against him. The Supreme Court, itself made up of elite members of the "Old Boys' Club", extricated Simcha and absolved him of all formal guilt. Judge Orr, writing the majority opinion, did say for posterity that he was sure from the record that Dinitz had committed e crime, but the basis for letting him off the hook was that there was not enough evidence to prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" that he had committed the crime for doubt that he had committed the crime for which he was charged. The forceful minority opinion of Judge Dorner was quite clear, however: there was evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, that Simcha Dinitz had committed the crimes for which he had been convicted. How is it possible that Supreme Court justices could differ with regard to the clear cut evidence in the court record? Some clear cut evidence in the court record? Some other factors must have been at play, in tha consideration of the guilt or innocence of Simcha Dinitzi We contend that "The Old Boys' Club" factor played a prominent role in the final decision.

defending herself, her aged mother, a Holocaust survivor, and the two young relatives in her car, from a lethal attack by an Arab mob, which was throwing stones and Molotov Cocktaile at her vehicle. In what was clearly an act of self-defense, she fired a gun into the air. The noocheting bullet struck one of the Arabs. When he later died, liana was charged and tried for murder. On filmsy, hostile and unreliable Arab testimony, she was convicted by the court of manslaughter, and sentenced to three years. Incredibly, according to the Court, she used more force in her selfdefense than was necessary! On appeal, the Supreme Court reduced the jail term to one year, and she is to be imprisoned on October 26, after the Holidays. Had she been e member of "The Old Boys' Club," that group of Labor veterans who appointed the members of the present Supreme Court, she would be free today. Promoting Oslo does not permit criticism of the Arabs; In Labor's view, any condemnation of Arab ections - stoning and firebombing Jews, espacially Jews located In Judea, Samaria, or the Gaza Strip, would be harmful to the peace process. So, unlike Dinitz, Ilana, the victim of such an Arab ettack, goes to jail. "Justice" becomes a mockery, when your chances of receiving it depend on whether you belong to "The Cid Boys' Club" or not.

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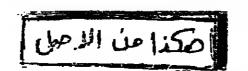
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Dozens of Likud activists demonstrated Wednesday outside Netanyahu's home with posters saying, "I'm proud of Bibi"and "the Left is inciting to war." MK Michael Eitan (Likud) said he agreed with Netanyahu's statement about the Left wing's Judaism, citing Barak who was quoted in an interview earlier as saying that Labor must distinguish itself from Meretz "because we need Jewish roots." Eitan said this shows Netanyahu was right and the Left has forgotten its Judaism. Meretz Knesset faction head MK Haim Oron said his raction will turn the prime minister's

npening statement in the Knesset

Reform, Conservative want sign of Orthodox compromise

By HARM SHAPIRO

The Reform and Conservative movements have told Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman they want to continue working towards a compromise on their status in Israel, but they insisted that Neeman bring some evidence that Orthodox authorities are willing to compromise, or they will have their day in court.

Rabbi Ehud Bandel, president of the Conservative movement in Israel, and Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, met with Neeman on Wednesday, after a long conference call between the three men and movement leaders in the US on Tuesday night.

The Conservative and Reform movemenus are likely to win favorable rulings by the High Court on the validity of conversions carried out in Israel by non-

Orthodox rabbis, and on seating Reform and Conservative representatives in local religious councils. But the court rulings would be nullified by legislation promoted by the government, which is anxious to retain the support of the religious parties. But the government is anxious to avoid a major rift with American Jewry, which mainly identifies with the Conservative and Reform. It also faces a breakaway vote from Yisrael Ba'aliya, the Third Way and Tsomet, all members of the coalition, who

could defeat such legislation. The committee, headed by Neeman, was appointed by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to deal only with conversion, but has taken on an overall solution to the status of non-Orthodox movements in Israel.

In its basic guidelines, the committee is proposing that Reform and Conservative rabbis be allowed to perform marriages,

but in the presence of two "witnesses" from the official Orthodox rabbinate, and that prospective converts from all movements attend a central conversion institute and be converted by an Orthodox rabbinical court ..

The first related issue scheduled to come before the High Court Wednesday is a petition to seat Reform and Conservative representatives on the religious councils of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Kiryat Tivon. Neeman has said that he favors abolishing the religious councils.

The ministerial committee on legislation approved the bill which would prevent non-Orthodox individuals from sitting on religious councils. The bill is expected to be approved by the government on Sunday. "A delay is possible (in the petition), but

only after we hear rabbinic dignitaries of stature who are willing to say publicly that they are ready to work to strengthen unity

in Israel by working with our movements," Regev said following the meeting with Neeman.

He added that such statements were necessary to counter the public statements which rejected any cooperation with the Conservative and Reform.

According to Bandel, Neeman said he did not believe public statements would contribute a thing, but the two answered that there had to be confidence-building measures and a public indication that some Orthodox leaders are ready to accept the committee's guidelines. "We have a public too and they are ask-

ing us wby we sit with them and let them spit on us," Bandel said.

The next meeting of the Neeman Committee is to be on Sunday. The same day an emergency delegation of some 20 leading Reform rabbis from the US is also due here.

Jews omitted from Vatican antisemitism conference

By HARL SHAPPRO and news agencies

The leader of Italy's Jewish community expressed disappointment yesterday that a Vatican conference on antisemitism's Christian roots will include no Jews.

"We would have hoped that some Jewish scholars might have been invited as observers at the meeting," said Tullia Zevi, saying she had made the suggestion to the organiz-

"We would have made ourselves available for any clarification," she said. The answer was very polite but firm that this was an internal church" conference.

Nevertheless we have great confidence in the work of the commission," she said, adding that the door remained open for contacts.

The three-day theological symposium starting October 30, the first of its kind, will be attended by top Vatican cardinals as well as some 60 leading Catholic theologians and representatives from Protestant and Orthodox Christianity.

The Vatican said yesterday it hoped the unprecedented symposium on the roots of antisemitism in Christian seaching would help overcome past divisions and misunderstandings between Catholics and Jews.

According to Rabbi David Rosen,

Jewish relations, the symposium could well pave the way to a general statement by the Vatican, expressing its contrition for the centuries of .Church teachings which resulted in persecution of the Jews and culminated in the Holocaust. Such a statement would follow similar expressions of remorse which have been issued by German, Polish, Dutch, French, American and Brazilian bishops.

"We hope that such a document will he produced because we have been expecting such an honest reckoning with the past for some 20 years, since Pope John Paul II promised that this would be forthcoming when he met with Jewish leaders in Miami," Rosen said.

He added that it would also be in keeping with Cardinal Cassidy's declaration in Prague in 1990 that "the fact that antisemitism has found a place in Church teaching and preaching requires an act of teshawa on its

A Vatican statement said the symposium "in the first place aims to overcome the misunderstanding and divisions of the past, rediscover the character of each faith and look to the future with tranquility and hope.

It said that reviewing the past would help the Roman Catholic Church seek "truth and contribute to



in brief

One dead, three wounded in Gaza

Palestinian police yesterday opened fire on stone throwers in Rafah, killing one man and wounding three. The protest was triggered by a feud in which the nephew of the governor was accused of killing the leader of another clan in a money dispute Wednesday.

The funeral procession for the feud victim, Moussa Doher, passed by the home of the governor, Abdallah Abu Samhadaneh. Several members of the Doher family began throwing stones at the house, and two dozen Palestinian policemen opened fire at the mourners, wounding two. Police also fired at an approaching car after it refused to stop, killing the driver, 40-year-old Suleiman Shaher and injuring his cousin. Reuters

Missing policeman found alive and well

Border policeman Yossi Sweid, who was the object of an intensive search Wednesday morning after he disappeared the previous night while on the way to his base in Jerusalem, was found that afternoon alive and well in Eilat. Four Border Policemen spotted Sweid in a shopping center, carrying a loaded M16 rifle. When he realized he was being followed, he left the shopping center and started walking toward the beach. The policemen approached him and asked him to identify himself, instead, he fled in the direction of the airport. The policemen radioed for belp, and Sweid was arrested a few minutes later at the entrance to the airport.

Tanker driver averts flaming disaster

The driver of a tank truck loaded with propane gas flipped the tanker on its side while avoiding a car that ran a red light at Ra'anana junction on Wednesday morning. The truck driver was lightly hurt, but the danger of explosion kept the intersection and the surrounding area cut off for nearly seven bours, creating massive traffic jams, while rescue workers carefully pumped the gas from the stricken vehicle into another tanker. Electricity was cut off from the area for fear power lines might spark an explosion from leaking gas. Police and rescue officials praised the Dor Energy driver's skill in avoiding what would certainly have been a fatal crash and explosion.

Israel can buy more US tactical rockets

The US Department of Defense has notified Congress that Israel may buy additional Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) tactical rocket pods for \$30 million, Defense News reported this week. Israel already has the MLRS, but "will use the MLRS tactical rocket pods to enhance its current area fire system for use against hostile artillery, air defense, and maneuver elements," said the US weekly. The MLRS is a highly accurate, quickly deployed rocket system which is intended to supplement artillery. Arieh O'Sullivan

Soldier's family complains to Weizman

During a condolence visit on Wednesday, President Ezer Weizman heard bitter complaints from the family of St.-Sgt. Mahdi Hatib, 22, of Beit Jann, who died on Saturday, two months after being wounded in Southern Lebanon. The family said no government representative had attended the funeral or visited Mahdi after he was brought to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. The family also complained about the events related to Hatib's injury, starting from his being hit by friendly fire and including the fact that no ambulances were waiting at Rambam's heli-

copter pad when Hatib was flown in. Weizman apologized and promised to help resolve a dispute con-

cerning the building of a road connecting Beit Jann and Hurfeish. Itim

Arsonists wreck Messianic Jews' hall

A meeting hall of Messianic Jews, who also use it as a center to provide food and clothing to immigrants from the former Sovict Union, was wrecked by a firebomb earlier this week.

Eitan Shishkoff, leader of the Ohalei Rahamim community in Kiryat Yam, said the attack took place early Tuesday morning when the building, a warchouse in the industrial section of the town, was empty. He quoted police as saying that a chemical agent had been used in the arson attack. He explained that the Hebrew-speaking congregation of about 100 has been using the facility for two years. He said 65 to 70 percent of the members were Russian immigrants, adding that they were the ones who distributed the aid. But he said the help given to the immigrants was kept separate from the religious teachings of the members. "We want to give aid because people are in need. There is no question of anyone's faith when we distribute aid," he said. Haim Shapiro



Simhat Torah

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A celebrant dances with a Torah during Simhat Torah hakafot Wednesday night at Tel Aviv's Beit Daniel Reform Synagogue. Last night second hakafot took place throughout the country. (Im Overstyver/meet Sun)

Peres invited to **Doha conference**

Former prime minister Shimon capital. Yemen has decided to Peres said vesterday he has received attend, Yemen's armed forces offi-Peres said yesterday he has received an invitation for his Peres Peace Center to attend next month's Doha economic conference and he has accepted, though many Arab states are boycotting it to protest the govemment's policies.

The invitation from Qatari Foreign Minister Hamed Yassim said "We are sure your center will contribute to practical activity and that will bring about a renewal of the peace process. ... for the benefit of all," Itim said.

Former foreign ministry director-general Uri Savir, who directs the center, will also participate in a young leaders conference in Qatar at the same time.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in remarks published Wednesday he saw no point in attending the economic conference We will monitor the situation until the last minute and we will decide three or four days before the conference," Mubarak told the Arabic daily al-Hayat. "A miracle might happen, but what is the use of hold-ing a conference if all parties are turning their backs on each other?" he added.

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) meeting, due to take place in Qatar November 16-18, is the fourth since 1991 and is aimed at integrating Israel in the regional economy.

Washington, a co-sponsor of Middle East peace efforts, has said the meeting is a purely economic affair that should not be linked to politics.

But Egypt and other Arab coun-tries have linked their attendance at the meeting to progress in peace talks with the Palestinians. Still, Qatar expects between 2,500 and 3,000 politicians, government officials and businessmen to take part in the conference in Doha, its

cial weekly, said yesterday. Mubarak, who has met Netanyahu

several times to try to push Middle East peace-making, told *al-Hayar* he had lost faith in the Israeli leader and that the US had a better chance

of galvanizing the talks. "I met Netanyahu several times after he came to power and he promised me he would respect the

agreements signed. "Every time he would promise me something and not fulfill it.

How can you trust a person who doesn't even bonor agreements he himself has signed?" Mubarak said. "The situation now is very complicated_The wheel of peace can be put into motion if the United States takes advantage of its relationship with Israel," he added.

(News agencies)

Ha' arer. His reaction was voiced in conjunction with a TV interview to be broadcast in New York on Sunday on The Leon Charney Report.

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ADL and an expert on Catholic- the [Catholic] faithful."

Morocco: No freeze in ties with Israel

By JAY BUSHINSKY

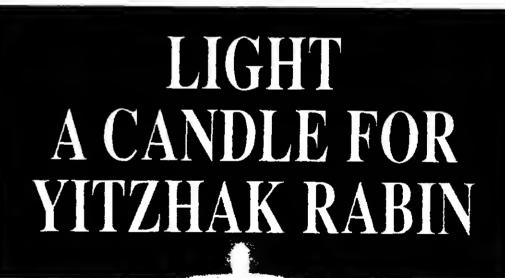
A senior adviser to Morocco's King Hassan II denied yesterday that relations with Israel are frozen, say-

ing the monarch was "very upset" by a local report to that effect. Andre Azoulay, with whom the king consults on economic and financial affairs, said the bilateral

relationship between Jerusalem and Rabat is "impacted by the evolution and status of the peace process." "I never used the words 'frozen' or 'freeze,' "he said, referring to an article published Wednesday in

A Foreign Ministry source said

relations and armed reports to the contrary "inaccurate." Morocco's interest section situated in Tel Aviv is open and functioning, he went on.



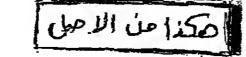


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Foot-in-mouth disease

in another outbreak of what seems to be a chronic case of foot-in-mouth disease, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was caught confiding to venerated kahbalist Rabbi Kadourie that "the Left has forgotten what it is to be Jews." Though the remarks were clearly not meant to be made public, it provides evidence that Netanyahu is not above engaging in the same divisive, gutter politics he tried to distance himself from during the last election, and of which he accused a former government.

In a subsequent radio interview, Netanyahu explained that his remarks were "taken completely out of context" and that "it is utter nonsense to claim that I doubt the Jewishness of any left-wingers." The context of Netanyahu's remarks, however, only makes matters worse. His whisperings in the rabbi's ear continued, "They [the Left] think we will put our security in the bands of the Arabs - that Arabs will take care of us. We'll give them part of Israel and they'll take care of us. Who ever heard of such a thing! It's as if the [biblical] spies came and said, 'Not only are they mighty and we're afraid of them, but they're mighty and we'll let them protect us.' Incredible!"

So not only did Netanyahu impugn the Jewishness of his opponents, but he compared them unfavorably with the infamous 10 (among 12) spies of the Bible, who reported back to Moses that the Canaanites were so fearsome that the Jews had no chance of taking the land that God had promised to them.

It is the faithlessness of the spies which in Jewish tradition exemplifies the slave mentality of the Jews of the Exodus, and explains why Joshua and Caleb, the two dissenting spies, were the only members of their generation allowed to enter the Land.

A public already cynical about politicians will no doubt believe that a microphone thrust into almost any private political conversation would reveal similar attempts to delegitimize the opposition. Further, the constant drumbeat of public, not private, accusations against Netanyahu from his political opponents that he is about to plunge the nation into war can hardly be construed a less incendiary accusation.

But even if one dismisses the opposition's rush to tar Netanyahu with "incitement" as standard posturing, Industry and Trade Minister place in one who wears the mantle of gover-Natan Sharansky was right to speak out against Netanyahu's remarks, " 'A good Jew' or 'not a good Jew' is not measured hy political world- Netanyahu will apologize for his unintentionview. I expect all leaders would emphasize the things that unite us and not what divides us." admonished Sharansky. Even by the low standards of political discourse, there is no excuse for any public figure, much less the prime minister, to stoop to such levels.

In the radio interview, Netanyahu explained that what he meant to say was "The principle that guided both the Left and the Right during the course of Zionism ... [was that] the security of Israel was to be the sole responsibility of Israel and would not be entrusted to others. This principle was forgotten by quite a few members of the left-wing, and that is what I was talking about, nothing else." What nonsense. At the same time Netanyahu sat with Kadourie, his own defense minister was meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to negotiate the resumption of security cooperation, which the government has been vociferously demanding for months. For better or for worse, the Oslo Accords transferred a significant portion of the burden of combating terrorism from Israel's "sole responsibility" to the shoulders of Yasser Arafat. Though there might be some changes around the edges of this policy under Netanyahu, the basic principle remains utterly

intact. It is somewhat pathetic that even Netanyahu's private comments seem to match a public pattern of attempting to build himself up, not hy defending his own accomplishments, hut hy continuing to trash his opponents. The cynicism, smallness, and divisiveness of this approach is compounded hy the fact that be is accusing his opponents of a sin that, if it has any basis, could be applied equally to his own policies.

Netanyahu rightly criticized former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin for disparaging public remarks that served to delegitimize whole segments of Israelis, such as the settler movement. Netanyahu also claimed he had nothing to do with a campaign slogan claiming that a vote for him was "good for the Jews," thereby deliberately marginalizing Israeli Arahs.

The idea that a government of the Right bas a unique ability to unite the people behind the tough choices that are inherent in peacemaking was and remains a major pillar of the government's claim to a public mandate. But the real potential for such unity can easily be squandered hy a prime minister who cannot shake a negative, destructive style that is all too common in election campaigns, but has no nance.

The issue at hand is not so much whether

Divide and perish

MOSHE ARENS

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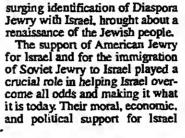
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't is hard to believe that the religious parties pressuring the government for the enactment of the conversion hill have given serious thought to the potentially disastrous consequences this law could have on the unity of the Jewish people and the future of the Jewish state.

That they would prefer to establish by law their existing control over religious practices in Israel is understandable, but are they really so shortsighted as to disregard the long-range consequences of the resulting chasm they would open between Israel and the largest Jewish community in the Diaspora, American Jewry? Do not they really understand the vital importance of the ties that hind world Jewry to the Jewish state, and the disrupting effect this law would have on the unity of the Jewish people? Are they, any less than Israel's secular citizens, concerned with the unity of the Jewish people, with its very survival?

The Jewish people almost per-ished during World War II. Six million killed by the Germans. Millions dispersed throughout the Soviet Union, seemingly separat-ed from Jewry, Judaism and Zionism forever. American Jewry well on the road to assimilation. The establishment of Israel changed all that. The ingathering of the exiles, but no less so, the



The aim of Israel's religious and spiritual leaders should be to bring unity to the Jewish people

sustained it during its darkest hours. The slogan "we are one" symbolizes the solidarity of the Jewish people throughout the world and their attachment to Israel. This feeling of solidarity and a common destiny embraced Jews, regardless of whether they were Orthodox, Conservative or

Reform. American Reform Jewry, which prior to the establishment of Israel had already taken the first step to assimilation, became a Zionist movement, many of its leaders, together with leaders of the Conservative and Orthodox movement in America, heading

ethically, not fully mature."

And in practice, virtually no

Reform Jews and few

Conservative Jews observe even a

result a would-be convert who

continues to identify with either of

the heterodox movements is effec-

tively declaring that he does not

accept upon himself the hinding

force of Halacha in all its details.

That is where the Neeman pro-

wars and revolutions to return to their ancient homeland and become again full-fledged members of the Jewish nation. After all, that was to be the destiny of the new-born Jewish state. It is in this spirit that Israel should continue to relate to Jews in the Diaspora.

the support for Israel in the US.

ISRAEL'S founding fathers were sufficiently farsighted to formu-

late the Law of Return so that

anyone who considered himself

to be Jewish could immigrate to

Israel, thus permitting even those

who had been separated from

their Jewish roots in the years of

Those who claim that the conversion bill affects only Israel's Jewish population, and should therefore be of no concern to Jews in the Diaspora seem to prefer to ignore the nature of the ties that bind Diaspora Jewry to Israel. For them there, as well as for us here, it is a partnership. This partner-

ship is bound to be greatly weakened once a law, passed in the Knesset, delegates most of them to an inferior status as compared to their Orthodox brethren, even if it has no effect on their daily lives there. The partnership may not survive this kind of a break. The result will be a weaker Jewish people and a weaker Israel.

Moreover, it is essential that Israel's religious leadership understand the crisis presently facing Jewry in all of the western Diaspora. A rising intermarriage rate together with growing assimilation is in the process of diminishing the number of Jews in the world. Aside from those belonging to Orthodox communities who are immune to these developments, the others - Reform and Conservative - see their connection to Judaism largely through their ties with Israel. Weakening that tie, which the conversion bill will surely do if enacted, is bound to weaken their ties to Judaism and to the Jewish people. That cannot be the aim of Israel's religious and spiritual leaders, whose mission should be to bring unity to the Jewish people.

It is not too late for them to withdraw their support for a law that will divide and weaken the Jewish people.

The writer is a former defense and foreign minister.

ation of the state. The Interior

No room for compromise

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

The Neeman Committee,

ally public smear of so many Israelis, though such an apology would certainly be welcome. The issue is whether Netanyahu will demonstrate that bis desire for national unity is not just lip service, hut will be reflected in his own words, behavior, and policies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PRINCE OF WALES

answered, this will not be possible Sir, - As you might imagine, many hundreds of thousands of people around the world have, since the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, sent letters of condolence and presents to The Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry at St. James's Palace in London. The colume of correspondence has been quite overwhelming and, whilst the the gifts they have sent. The Prince Prince of Wales has ensured that as of Wales and his sons have been many as possible of the more than 300,000 letters have been

Sir, - We, at the Tel Aviv Community Theater, are planning an Israel Juhilee theater piece which will be a living history of those who immigrated from English speaking countries between 1948 (or before) and the present. To this end we want to get contributions countrywide in prose and/or music. What we're looking for is a first person account of a turning point, of the

in every case. from it. The Prince of Wales and his sons It is with this in mind that The would like, through me, to say Prince of Wales and the young Princes have asked me to make thank you, and to pass on to everyknown to the people of Israel their body who wrote to them their heart-

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On October 24, t937, The Palestine Post reported that Avinoam Yellin, Senior Inspector of Jewish Schools, had died from bullet wounds inflicted by an unknown assailant.

Davar, the organ of the Jewish Labor Federation and the Hebrew daily with the largest circulation in the country, was suspended for a week following the publication of an article criticizing the new Immigration Ordinance. Al Carmel, a periodical published in Haifa had been suspended for four weeks.

Numerous shooting and bombing incidents were reported from different parts of the country. Telephone lines were cut. Road and railway communications were attacked by sporadic firing.

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Two Arabs were killed and two offered to forgo their monthly others wounded in Haifa and quota of 700 certificates to be granted to Exodus 1947 "illegal" Jerusalem by unknown persons. migrants detained in Germany.

50 years ago: On October 24, 1947, The Palestine Post reported 25 years ago: On October 24, that Britain had drawn up plans to 1972, The Jerusalem Post reportwithdraw her troops and adminised stiffer penalties to be imposed tration from Palestine hy March for crimes of violence. Education Minister Yigal Allon 1949, "at the very latest," failing UN settlement of the problem. turned over to the Attorney-The three sub-committees General a complaint that antiquines belonging to Defense Minister Moshe Dayan were appointed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine of the exported without a permit. UN General Assembly began

their work on detailed proposals The Absorption Ministry reported that 225,000 immigrants for the Partitioning of Palestine. Britain, according to corresponwill have arrived in Israel by the end of 1972 since the Six Day dents, continued her campaign to be as unhelpful as possible. War_ Despite their own plight, the

Jewish refugees in Cyprus had

charged with finding a compromise solution to avoid a

clash with Diaspora Jewry over the conversion bill, set itself a task worthy of Rumpelsnitskin. Predictably, however, the alchemists' attempt to turn straw into gold has failed.

To understand why, it is necessary to know only one fact: A convert to Indaism must accept upon himself the mitzvot of the Torah. Without that acceptance, the formal procedures that follow - circumcision, immersion in a mikve, etc. - are meaningless.

Maimonides states the matter posals flounder. To be acceptable clearly: "When a gentile wishes 10 enter the covenant, and dwell under the wings of the Divine Presence, and accept upon himself the yoke of the Torah, then he needs circumcision and immersion ... " Acceptance of the mitzvot is the necessary precondition for the procedures that follow. Even in theory, both the Conservative and Reform movements reject, in one way or another, the hinding authority of Halacha. For Neil Gilman, a professor of theology at the (Conservative) Jewish inquiry into the candidate's inten-Theological Seminary, a hinding tion to keep mitzvot. mitzva is whatever a particular subsequent immersion in holy individual chooses to recognize as hinding at a given moment in water can cure that infirmity. time.

THOSE who charge that the And for Reform theologians, like Eugene Borowitz, the very Orthodox parties' rejection of the idea of mitzva, which hinds a Divine Commander to the one Neeman proposals is determined hy extra-halachic considerations who is commanded, is anathema. are thus either ignorant of Halacha Borowitz recognizes the individor contemptuous of it. The charge ual conscience as the only valid is but one more shot in a sustained guide and rejects all external disinformation campaign conductauthority: "As long as we do not ed by the Conservative and

POSTSCRIPTS

AN OBSCURE tropical fruit that smells like vomit and tastes just as good is the latest alternative health craze, supposed to fix everything from multiple sclerosis to menstrual cramps, eczema, depression, cancer, headache and sickle cell anemia.

The noni fruit is distilled into a pleasant-tasting juice (Tahitian Noni Juice) or freeze-dried into capsules (Hawaiian Noni), and the distributors of Morinda citrifolia products say they can barely keep np with the demand.

Like ginseng, ephedra, Pycnogenol or any number of herbal remedies, the noni fad has spread largely by word of mouth among the adherents of nontraditional cures, helped by toll-free numbers and hundreds of Web sites belonging to cyber-salespeople.

This particular cure-all went from being a folk medicine found wild in the South Pacific to a heavily promoted "miracle," a story not uncommon in the ever-growing market of alternative health remedies.

In short, the fix must be in. No

The noni products are not available in health food stores - the cost of shelf space is too high, the marketers say, so most of them use network marketing. The plant itself looks like a band

grenade and smells like - well. the descriptions range from the commonly heard vomit to "dirty feet," "Limburger cheese" or "really gnarly."

Although the noni fruit has been used for years as a folk remedy in many tropical countries, there is very little scientific research available to substantiate the sellers' claims.

establish our own standards of Reform movements for the past conduct, we are not autonomous year.

American Jews, who have, in most cases, never met an Orthodox Jew in their life, bave been treated to sermon after sersmall fraction of the mitzvot. As a mon proclaiming Orthodox Jews the greatest threat to Jewish unity and the conversion bill the most important issue facing the Jewish people. In their cynical campaign to

extract more money from communal coffers and gain official recogaition in Israel, the heterodox

The Conservative and Reform leadership has taken a page out of the antisemites' book

to the Reform and Conservative movements have waged a noholds-barred war. They have not movements, any compromise even stopped at lobhying conmust guarantee that their candidates for conversion will be duly gressmen to condition vital certified by an "Orthodox" rab-American aid to Israel on withhinical court. Yet for an Orthodox drawal of the conversion bill, court to do so, it would have to according to a recent front-page ignore the evidence in front of its article in the Jewish Forward. nose and eschew any serious

The big lie that Orthodox Jews do not view the non-Orthodox as Jewish has been repeated so often that denials fall on deaf ears. Yet no Orthodox organization or leader has ever suggested that halachic status as a Jew is a funcnon of one's level of belief or observance.

As a practical matter, the conversion hill is totally irrelevant to Diaspora Jews. It applies only to conversions performed in Israel and does nothing more than preserve in legislation the status quo that has prevailed since the cre-

ONLY IN Israel Dept.: Zev

Kesselman of Moshav Elazar

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Ministry was required by the High Court nearly a decade ago to recognize Reform or Conservative conversions performed abroad, and the proposed conversion law does nothing to challenge that decision. As Ruth Wisse has pointed ont,

political elites throughout history have recognized Jew hatred as the best formula for uniting the antagonistic elements in society, as well as a proven success at diverting attention from the failure of those elites. The Conservative and Reform leadership has taken a page out of the antisemites' book in turning the Orthodox into the bete noire of modern Jewish life. Want to know why 80 percent of

Los Angeles' 600,000 Jews are not affiliated with any synagogue, or why American Jewry has been in numerical decline for 70 years, or why, at current rates of reproduction and intermarriage, the non-Orthodox segments of American Jewry will decline by nearly 75% over the next two decades, look no further. It's the Orthodox.

Until the last 200 years, Jews maintained a remarkable degree of unity despite their dispersion over the globe without a land of their own.

That unity was made possible by their common law. How odd, then, that the one group committed to the preservation of that law should be pictured as the ultimate threat to Jewish unity for insisting that Halacha is not whatever you. want it to be.

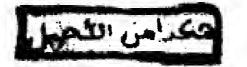
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tions: (1) God's name; (2) a suffix indicating greatness, as in "shalheveryah" - a great flame (clearly not a stand-alone word); (3) an exclamation of grief, cited in the Midrash.

His 12-year-old son Danny had just won a close game. His Zev allowed the play on the opponent, a friend named Yinon, basis of the third definition. But challenged the last play, claim-Yinon then made a second ing that Danny's spelling of God's name (yod-heh) is against claim: since yod-heh is an Ineffable Name, Danny is not the rules. He pointed out that it ollowed to write it. Zev - who, would be capitalized were it like the two players, is Orthodox English, and was therefore unac-- ruled that since they were playing on Shabbat, there was a But Hebrew has no capital lettacit agreement that placing letters, Danny argued, and they ters on the board was not writing. Zev, a former Israel Scrahble

Yinon walked off in a huff, saying: "Well, if you want to win on the hasis of sacrilege, then go right ahead!"

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OPINION

Amr Moussa's courtesy call

MOSHE ZAK

gyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, who met Foreign Miniater David Levy in Tel Aviv this week, took care to make it clear he was not conducting substantive talks by announcing that this was only a courtesy visit. An experienced diplomat like Moussa is well aware that it is not proper etiquette to dictate in public to his host the nature of their meeting before it takes place. He did so deliberately, to remind Israel's government that Egyptian leaders don't make official visits to Israel.

If Anwar Sadat had conditioned his visit to Jerusalem on progress in negotiations, there would never have been a peace treaty

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the Qatar conference opens. SO Cairo forthrightly denied that it had already agreed to come to Qatar, and said that everything depended on progress in the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. The purpose was obvious: Egypt wants to claim credit for any concession Israel makes during the current negotiations.

In the case of Qatar, Egypt has a direct interest. This was expressed in the indirect pressure that Egypt put on Qatar (though it denied doing so) not to allow an Israeli mission to be set up in Doha, Egypt viewed unfavorably the dealings between Israel and an American company to supply Qatari natural gas to Israel, which might compete with Egypt's plan to sell gas to Israel, so it has been trying to minimize contact between Israel and Qatar. The peace treaty with Egypt sur-

especially not in the month before

vives. The Egyptians are certainly not about to annul it. They don't want to risk a fierce diplomatic conflict with the US, which favors them with military and economic

The Egyptians have long-range plans in America. They are aware that the US Jewish community is Israel's chief support, and are doing everything they can to force a wedge between parts of this community and Israel, especially over the Palestinian question. For this reason Egypt supports every Palestinian initiative against Israel the UN Security Council. All 'n this is done under the umbrella of the peace treaty.

That umbrella is still there, but this week's storms are not the only thing that might blow it away. The wrong move or the wrong pose of one belly dancer could become a "dark cloud over the relationship between Israel and Egypt," as the Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny put it.

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem was perfectly right in refusing to react to Amr Moussa's statement in Cairo, as well as on his public speech in Tel Aviv.

In his lecture to the "Peres Center for Peace," which was far from a courtesy speech, Moussa blamed Israel for the deadlock in the peace process. It is easy to refute such allegations, but the exchange of public accusations will only serve to escalate the existing tension and won't help the peace process.

before there was any progress in the negotiations and transformed vertheless, one cannot overlook the worrisome signs emanating from Egypt, such as pamphlets distributed in Cairo entitled "The hookers' war: Jewish women and Arab politicians." Not to mention Egyptian Defense Minister Gen. Mohammed Hassan Tantawi's statement this month that the Egyptian army is ready for a rapid transition from a state of peace to a state of war.



Wanted: A new PM

nce again, the idea of a national unity government is in the news. Even over the Succot holiday, when nothing else in Israel gets done, the politicians have been husy consulting and the commentators have been husy analyzing. President Ezer Weizman has even postponed his scheduled visit to China, presumably because he anticipates some dramatic political development in the next few months.

But there is little evidence to explain why the issue has again hubbled to the surface of the political debate and even less to indicate that a national unity government will actually happen. And there is no reason at all to think that it would provide any real relief from the problems facing Israel - unless it were headed by a different prime minister.

Some of current problems on the agenda, such as the conversion bill and the upcoming hudget, are potentially serious challenges to the coalition, but none is so qualitatively different from other problems over the past eighteen months that it should produce a different outcome. Instead, the national mood that produces this latest round of speculation seems to be a product of cumulative disillusionment at the performance of the Prime Minister Netanyahu, perhaps provoked by the cyclical urge to take stock at this time of year.

After the fiasco of the attempted

MARK A. HELLER

ment style and doubts about his competence as it is because of disagreements with his policies. Senior political leaders com-plain that if he consults at all, it is with a small coterie of trusted advisors, including a hardball image designer from the United States. The result is that Israel

With a different hand at the helm -Labor or Likud - a national unity government could provide a minimum degree of stability

lurches from one mini-crisis to Mashaal to the conversion bill steers a course that threatens to end in a disastrous collision with American Jewry, the US administration, and the Arab world.

this. Two cahinet ministers have already resigned, and several others are known to be constantly irritated hy the manner in which the prime minister operates. Two of those, David Levy and Ariel Sharon, have publicly expressed their unhappiness on more than one occasion. So what? if the problem is the incumbent prime minister, then it doesn't maiter what kind of government he heads. A national unity government headed by Netanyahu might eliminate some of the hudgetary extortion by smaller parties and it

Direct democracy

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ontrary to the views of talkshow hosts and columnists, neither the problems of this government, nor its very existence, can be blamed on the direct election of the prime minister. In the Knesset, Yossi Beilin and Yitzhak Shamir (a truly odd couple) are lobbying to roll back this change, reinstating the old system. However, if they are successful, they will only replace one bad idea.

with one that is worse. Instead, Israel needs further reform, extending the principle of direct elections to members of the Knesset themselves. This could be done in a variety of ways, through a system of constituencies, perhaps leaving as many as 50 percent of the seats for proportional representation on the basis of a single national constituency. This would free the executive hranch (the prime minister and cabinet) from the psychological and political intrigues of coalition politics. In addition, by opening up the process, more qualified people would be attracted to political careers, replacing the party hacks that dominate the system today.

The critics of the existing law base their argument on two assertions: Under the old system, Binyamin Netanyahu would never have become prime minister, and even if Netanyahu had become prime minister, under the old system, he would have been replaced months ago.

These arguments are not only factually wrong, but they are also wrong-headed, with the goal of denying the legitimacy of the outcome of the 1996 elections. The change in the law did not alter the distribution of support between the Left, Right, and religious hlocs. Had the elections been held under the old system, a Likud-religious coalition would still have formed the majority, and Netanyahu, as head of the Likud, would have become prime minister. The swing voters who determined the outcome in 1996 voted against Shimon Peres and the Labor/Meretz coalition, and would have done so in larger numbers under the old process.

The claim, made recently by Moshe Arens, that removing a failed government in mid-term was easier under the old system, is also specious. In theory, under that system, 61 MKs could vote noconfidence, forcing the prime minister to resign, without requiring new elections. However, will

certainly do nothing to improve the quality of our politicians or politics.

UNDER the current system, if only 61 MKs vote no-confidence, they must also go before the voters and face new elections. This may prolong the life of an awkward government, but it makes MKs pnt their own futures on the line when they decide to bring down a government, and this is a healthy development for democracy.

The prohlem is that the electoral changes did not go far enough, leaving us with a system that is neither parliamentary nor presidential, hut more appropriate for Chelm. Originally, the change in the electoral system was to include direct election of the Knesset and to allow the prime minister to make policy free from the constraints of coalition politics and factional leadership. These terms were dropped because party lead-ers and MKs were afraid of direct elections for their own positions.

By focusing public attention on the prime minister, the Knesset also avoids drawing attention to its own failures. For the creation of checks and balances, the Knesset must be able to function independently, hut there are few signs that the members of this usually cupty body are capable of providing alternative policy choices and direction.

The system of party lists has also dissuaded the "best and the hrightest" from becoming involved in politics. The field is dominated hy apparatchiks who use the system for personal gain, hy power brokers, and hy a few retired military leaders with large egos, who "parachute" into the top echelons without political experience.

The system encourages mutual suspicion and conflict - witness the melodrama featuring David Levy and Ariel Sharon - while discouraging teamwork and cooperation. In other words, the prime minister may be directly elected, but he is still dependent on coalition deals and processes based on an antiquated electoral system.

The next step in reform is to extend the process of direct election to MKs. Party primaries have already reduced the power of the machers in the back rooms, but "vote contractors," bloc voting, and factional deals still determine the outcome of the primaries.

To open up the system to new-

and damage control another - from the Western Wall Tunnei through the Bar-On Affair. Har Homa, Ras al-Amud and while the captain of this enterprise

BUT there is nothing new about

could probably postpone a showdown on religious legislation. But the disarray in foreign and

security policy and the sense of national drift will not be addressed unless the prime minister himself is replaced. And that is highly improhable before the year 2000 (and perhaps not even then), because too many ministers and other Knesset members, who might otherwise favor this outcome, are not prepared to bring it about if the price includes cutting short their own term of

office. The only constitutional escape from this cul-de-sac is a new election for prime minister without also dissolving the Knesset. And that can only happen if 80 Knesset members - and not 61 - vote noconfidence in Netanyahu, But while 80 is a higger mathematical challenge, it may ironically be a smaller political hurdle. The key would be to ensure that all Knesset members and at least some of the ministers could retain their posts, and that would happen if both candidates in the prime ministerial election pledged themselves in advance to form a national unity government at least until the next Knesset elections, regardless of

the outcome. Even with a different prime minister, such a government would be hampered by differing views about what needs to be done, and it could not promise any breakthroughs that would bring Israel to

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the region. Another example of this hollow formula can be found in the announcement of Egypt's participation in the upcoming economic conference in Qatar. Egypt couldn't refuse the US request. After all, in the final analysis, it will be one of the chief beneficiaries of the

hurt the politicians.

polls apparently has.

fund and the bank being established on the basis of these conferences. But Egypt didn't want to let go of the "progress in the negotiations with the Palestinians" card.

Popular standards may be high,

but expectations are low.

elections, many who no longer

believed Clinton were not dis-

suaded from voting for him.

Similarly, Netanyahu's post-fiasco

TV appearances have a positive

public impact, from his point of

talks with the three MKs who

invited him to visit the Knesset.

He said that as long as there was

no progress in the negotiations, be

couldn't come. If Anwar Sadat had

done the same, there would never

have been a peace treaty with

Egypt. He came to the Knesset

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assassination of Khaled Mashaal in Jordan, The Economist put Netanyahu on its front cover and labeled him a "serial bungler." The Economist is not the necessarily the most reliable source of judgment about Israel, in general. or Netanyahu, in particular. Still, its assessment is increasingly shared by important elements in the government and the coalition, and if the prime minister is vulnerable at all, it is as much because of dissatisfaction with his manage-

the safe harbor of peace and security. But with a different hand at the helm - Labor or Likud - a national unity government could provide a minimum degree of stahility and damage control and ensure that the ship of state will remain intact until the next general elections.

The writer is senior research associate at the Jaffee Center far to that system will mean more such "stinking maneuvers." It will Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University,

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tyranny of party bosses and deal In April 1990, when Peres and makers. The direct election of both Beilin broke up the national unity the Knesset and the prime minister government, the bidding contest for the support of Yitzhak Moda'i, would go along way towards improving the choices and the quality of our political leadership. Avraham Sharir, and some of the religious parties was the trigger that led to the change in the election law in the first place. A return

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A case of more than disquieting criticism

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view, even if they hardly add to his vnicism has become a dominant popular mood in credihility. today's Israel. It doesn't

Cynicism helps explain why acquittal on criminal charges for lack of evidence is somehow presented as a special qualification for high office. Ennd Olmert has Netanyahu's credibility hasn't announced his decision to run for improved, hut his standing in the a second term as mayor of This may be the latest "Made in Jerusalem. America" import to our political system. In the last US presidential

Remember, the court found that, as treasurer in the 1988 Likud election campaign, he was only negligent in his report to the state comptroller on campaign contributions; but since there was insufficient evidence that he knew what was going on, he wasn't criminal-

ly liable. Quite a recommendation! The court decided that Olmert was not guilty. Who can bias in the state attorney's deci-

acquittal was somehow perceived The issue is whether a youth as additional evidence of partisan suspected of a brutal murder in the United States is an Israeli citizen.

The attorney-general's job is the defense of the rule of law. He should be above having to defend himself

ask for more of a polifician? Cynicism does not stop with politics. It infects popular perceptions of other areas of public life that were once seen as beyond the political marketplace. The Olmert

sions to hring charges against political figures. (The subsequent acquittal of Labor-stalwart Simcha Dinitz did little to change the reaction. tion. 1 Now the mood of disbelief has shifted to the attorney-general.

Attorney-General Rubinstein has made a finding that he is not. This could pave the way for his extradicourt for a writ of extradition. A

Rubinstein's finding will no decade ago, Avraham Sharir, then doubt be challenged before the

to the High Court for his refusal to appropriate judicial tribunal. It is currently being challenged in the court of public opinion, as the decision of a diplomat with a developed sensitivity to American political pressure, rather than that of a jurist.

The attorney-general's opinion

with regard to the youth's citizen-

ship has been widely attacked as

directed at placating American

Actually, it is the minister of jus-

tice, not the attorney-general, who

decides whether to apply to the

public opinion.

ask for the extradition to France of William Nakash, also wanted on a murder charge. Sharir refused to extradite, due

to domestic religious pressure. In previous cases, foreign political pressure worked in the opposite direction. It caused the bending of our legal processes to satisfy American demands for the return of fugitives from justice. The new element in the present case is the targeting of the attorneygeneral as the object of public criticism.

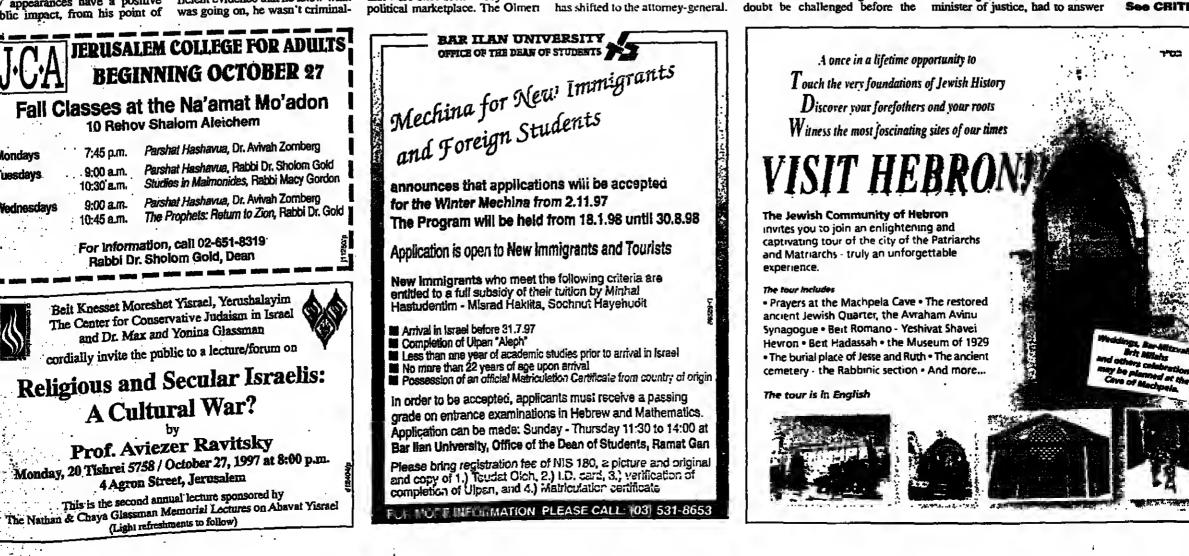
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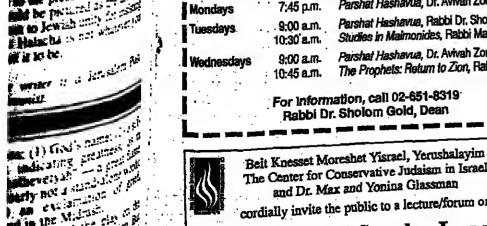
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Congo Brazzaville's new leader in capital

BRAZZAVILLE (Reuters) - Congo Republic's civil war vic-

arrived in the bombed-out capital yesterday and vilified ousted

dent, as a "criminal and enemy of the people." Soldiers from the Angolan army, which helped propel Sassou to power last Wednesday in the oil rich West African country,

3 white South African bombers jailed for life

radio said. Cliffie Barnard, Jan van der Westhuizen, and Koper

in the town of Worcester 90 km northeast of Cape Town. The

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) - Czech Foreign Minister

Josef Zieleniec, who is also deputy chairman of the Civic

Democratic Party, said yesterday he is leaving both posts, apparently due to differences with Premier Vaclav Klaus.

The news agency CTK quoted Zieleniec as saying he dis-

agrees with the way in which his party's candidate for interior

minister is being selected and that he has not been informed of important changes in the party's financial management. President Vaclav Havel immediately announced that he was

"Philip Morris to test "smokeless" cigarette"

NEW YORK (AP) - The world's largest cigarette company plans to test a microelectronic cigarette holder that eliminates

most of the smoke and ashes from a cigarette, The New York

Times reported yesterday. Over the next month, the Accord - a

beeper-sized, 120-gram box containing a special cigarette and an

electronically controlled lighter – will be tested by Philip Morris Cos. in the US and Japan. The device will eliminate 90% of sec-

ondhand smoke, bot smokers will still inhale the same amount

of tar and nicotine as in conventional ultralight cigarettes.

Myburgh received four life terms and 88 years each for the Christmas Eve bomb attacks, which also wounded over 60 people.

men belonged to an unknown fringe group called "Israel

Vision." which believes whites are the chosen race.

Czech foreign minister steps down

not accepting Zieleniec's resignation.

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Three white right-wingers convicted of two bombings near Cape Town that killed four people last year were sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday, state

The two pipe bombs exploded in a supermarket and pharmacy

checked his route into Brazzaville. Angolan intervention smashed a weak and comparatively poorly equipped governmeot army and allied militias last week.

president Pascal Lissouba, the first democratically elected presi-

tor, former Marxist military dictator, Denis Sassou Nguesso

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Algerians vote under tight security

ALGIERS (AP) - Security forces kept a discreet watch on polling stations while Algerians cast ballots yesterday in local elections, the last of four votes aimed at squelching an Islamic revival that has snowballed into

an insurgeocy. It was the first vote for local and regional officials since 1990, when the Islamic Salvation Front swept into the political spotlight with a resounding victory, taking nearly half of all city halls and all

major cities. The now-banned party called for a boycott of yesterday's vote for some 15,000 local and regional assembly representatives. More than 84,000 candidates were running nationwide. Final results are not expected before later today. While security forces battle

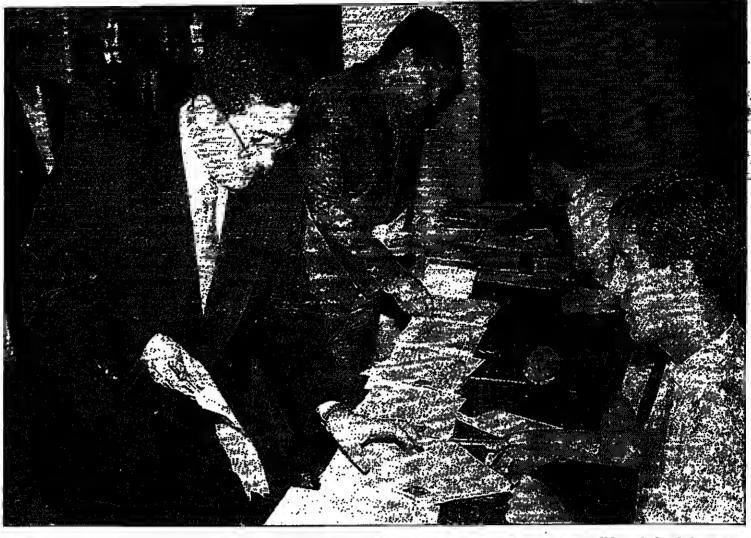
Islamic insurgeots, President Liamine Zeroual, a retired general, has undertaken a vast restructuring of the nation's political institutions that, under a veneer of democracy, gives the presideot greater control and squelches militant Islam.

This election was lackluster, dominated by fears of a high abstention rate among Algeria's oearly 16 million registered voters and scores skewed by fraud, as they were in June legislative elections. The Interior Ministry said the turnout was 55.7 percent at 6 p.m.

Security forces kept a watch on polling stations in the capital, but were out in force in some suburbs that have been flashpoints for violence in an insurgency that has killed an estimated 75,000 people

in nearly six years. Violence wracking Algeria was a favorite theme of many of the candidates - 10 of whom were killed while campaigning - and the dominant reason cited by voters for going to the polls. "I'm voting above all for safety,

so that my children don't die with the other third - giving him virtutheir throats slit," said a 36-yearal control of the legislature.



Algerian Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia (left) and Interior Minister Mustapha Benmansour choose candidates in local elections in Algiers yesterday.

old school teacher in the western Nearly half the winners will suburb of Kouba, once a rallying replace appointees of the militarypoint for the now-banned Islamic backed government which fired Salvation Front representatives in a The winners of yesterday's vote crackdown on fundamentalists will serve as a pool from which poised to win a January 1992 legtwo-thirds of the members of a islative vote. The army canceled new upper house of parliameot that vote, triggering the insurgency. "Politically, socially, and instituwill be drawn. Zeroual will pick

tionally, terrorism is being isolated," Foreign Minister Ahmed

Attaf said at a oews conference Wednesday. The Islamic Salvation Army, the Salvation Front's military wing, called a unilateral cease-fire October 1.

Security forces have worked for weeks to clean out an Armed Islamic Group stronghold in Ouled Allel south of Algiers, uncovering a labyrinth of tunnels, hunkers, homb-making factories, docu-

ments, and supplies stolen in vil-lage raids. Earlier this week, security forces killed the group's leader in the eastern city of Constantine, the French-language newspaper El Watan reported yesterday.

In a separate operation in Constantine, they killed his right-hand man, who was reportedly carrying a list of candidates to be slain, the paper said.



dear mother, sister, and grandmother

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The funeral will take place today, Friday, October 24, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. at the Berman Synagogue, Yeshivat Hadarom, Rehovot, and will continue to the Holon Cemetery.

Pol Pot says: My conscience is clear

Salvation Front.

SIEM REAP, Cambodia (Reuters) - Cambodian leader Hun Sen yesterday rejected the ootorious Pol Pot's insistence that he was not responsible for genocide, and said he hopes to arrest the leader of the "killing fields" regime by year end.

"Why do we need to state that Pol Pot denied killing people? The peo-ple who are present here are the remains of Pol Pot's killing," Huo Sen told a news conference in Siem Reap after meeting Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk.

An unrepentant Pol Pot, in an interview in the latest edition of the Hong Kong-based Far East Economic Review, denied that more than one million Cambodians died of murder, disease, or overwork during the 1975-79 "killing fields" regime.



ANKARA (Reuters) - Turkish army chief Ismail Hakki Karadayi yesterday accused Greece of raising tension in the Aegean Sea after a Greek minesweeper hrushed a Turkish patrol boat. "We avoid provocatioos as much as possible ... They [Greece] always hope to benefit from ten-sion," he said.

Papon hospitalized

BORDEAUX (Reuters) - The trial of Maurice Papon for crimes against humanity in Nazi-occupied France was suspended until Monday after he was taken to hospital with bronchitis, Judge Jean-Louis Castagnede said yesterday.

Castagnede said doctors told him that the 87-year-old former cabinet minister, who had a triple heart bypass last year, was undergoing tests in the intensive care unit and his condition would not allow him to be in court "either today or tomorrow." Papon was admitted carlier in the day to the Haut Leveque hospital in the

arrest of 1,560 Jews from the Bordeaux regioo during the German occupation in World War II, when he was a senior civil servant in the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

He has denied the charges. The trial was suspended for nearly an hour on Wednesday when Papon felt ill in court, but resumed after he was examined by doctors. He had already stayed in hospital overnight after a first bout of illness shortly after the start of his trial on October 8.

Defense lawyers have questioned before whether Papon is strong enough to survive the trial.

The trial is expected to last until

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Daughters: Elise Hanhart, Switzerland Jenny Kartin, Rehovot Sisters: Hannah Rosenbaum, England Tila Hirsh, England

With great sorrow and deep despair we announce the passing at the fullness of her years our dear mother and grandmother

HENY YETY RAYERSBACH

The funeral will take place today, Fnday, October 24, 1997 (כ"ג תשרי תשנה) at 11:15 a.m. at Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Shiva at the Menuha home, Rehov Kehilat Kishinov13, Hadar Yosef, Tel Aviv.

> Son: Uri and family Daughter: Hava and family Grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

On the thirty-ninth anniversary of the death of our dear mother and grandmother **MALKA (Maria) LASZLO** n''y widow of the late journalist Ernst Zvi Laszlo v"n

we will visit her grave at Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem on Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at 2:30 p.m.

The Family

The unveiling of the matzeva for our beloved mother and grandmother

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will take place on Sunday,

October 26 at 12 noon

in the ancient cemetery in Safed

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"To say that millions died is too much," he said in the interview with the magazine. "My conscience is clear." Pol Pot's former comrades ousted him as leader of the Khmer Rouge in June after a bloody split among its leaders. He now lives under house arrest at the Khmer Rouge head-

quarters at Anlong Veng in the north Cambodian jungle. Hun Sen said senior military officers had told him they thought it possible to capture Anlong Veng. "I hope we will arrest him... perhaps hy the end of this year," the second prime minister said.

Other Cambodians also expressed disbelief and dismay that Pol Pot felt no remorse for the death and suffering endured during his Maoiststyle revolution.

"When I lived under the Khmer regime I saw all kinds of tragedy. They forced me to work hard, I suffered a lot, there was no food to eat," said Ouk Thary, 34, a ncket seller at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum in Phnom Penh.

The museum is a former school that was turned into a torture center during Pol Pot's rule. About 20,000 people were sent to Tuol Sleng. Only seven survived.

Ouk Thary said two of her brothers were killed and her father died of starvation under Pol Pot's rule. She said she could not accept Pol Pot's claim he had acted only to save Cambodia from Vietnamese domination.

Turkey's state-run Anatolian oews agency said a Greek minesweeper on Wednesday hit a Turkish patrol ship that had come to prevent the Greek ship from "harassing" a Turkish suhmarine.

Greek Defense Ministry officials said their navy minesweeper brushed against a Turkish patrol boat the result of "dangerous handling by the Turkish captain." No injuries were reported on either side in the incident, which occurred in international waters between the two Greek islands of Chios and Lesbos.

Gere uses film premiere to press Clinton on China

WASHINGTON - While official Washington prepared for oext week's state visit by Chinese criticized US plans to appoint a President Jiang Zemin, actor Richard Gere turned the spotlight diplomat to coordinate policies on Tibet. The appointment, a spokesman said, "constitutes interof his latest film premiere onto President Bill Clinton, asking him ference in our internal affairs." to stand firm against the Communist giant. human rights record and its con-

"We're not going to pretend this is a new, cuddly Communist Chioese governmeot we have here. They baven't proven themselves yet," Gere said at a party late Wednesday following the premiere of Red Corner. In the film, which opens in US theaters October 31, Gere plays an

panels to a new computer guid-

ance system following repairs car-

ried out on Monday in Mir's

The work was completed successfully," a Missioo Control

spokeswoman said after the final

stage of a rewiring operation that

hegan with the two Russian cos-

monauts on board spending seven

Spektr module, officials said.

"state-less" dinner, to coincide with the state dinner Clinton is bosting for Jiang.

"We've had a president who has been neither clear nor firm on American executive framed on China's human rights since the

murder charges in Beijing by cor-runt officials. very beginning and that waffliog ... with China has sent a message of weakness," the actor said. Meanwhile, China yesterday

Clinton has refused demands from human rights' activists and many religious leaders to condi-tion China's Most Favored Nation trade status to improvements in An outspoken critic of China's buman rights.

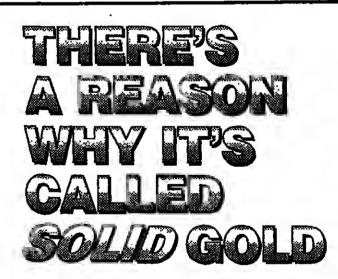
Gere's co-star, Bai Ling, said trol over Tibet, Gere planned a protest rally outside the White she hopes the film would focus international scrutiny on oppression in China, where her parents still live. Having left her country five years ago, the former Tiananmen Square protester said she is now even more afraid to return after her role in Red (News agencies) Corner.

Bordeaux suburb of Pessac.

"He felt very weak when he got up this morning. He could not talk and was bent over. It was as if he had aged 20 years during the night," defense lawyer Francois Vuillemin said.

Papon is accused of ordering the

late December. Retired Admiral Philippe de Gaulle said he saw little value in the trial, which he thought would not have taken place if his late father, General Charles de Gaulle, had still been in power.



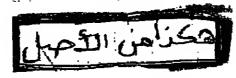
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MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's bours on Monday in energy-saptroubled Mir space statioo ping spacesuits. hummed with new energy yester-Two solar panels on the module

Mir surges with power after repairs

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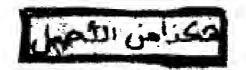
day after the crew linked two solar now were tracking the sun's rays and soaking up maximum power after being plugged in to the guidance computer in the Kristall module, she said. Spektr was damaged in 'a near-fatal collision in June

with an unmanned cargo craft. Space officials said after Monday's missioo that they expected to gain 30 percent more electricity. Mir lost about half its al space agencies.

power after the collision, hut various repairs have restored much of that over the past two months.

"We can now restart experiments which require a lot of electricity," the spokeswoman said yesterday.

The orbital laboratory was reduced to minimal functions for much of the time since the accident, leaving little spare energy for experiments being run hy Russian, US and other internation-



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<u>Progress Report</u>

FULFILLING OUR COMMITMENT

The Swiss banks are achieving significant progress towards resolving the issue of dormant World War II-era accounts in a fair and open manner.

Our major initiatives to date include:

Identifying Dormant Accounts

The Swiss banks are committed to identifying all accounts that could have belonged to victims of Nazi persecution.

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The Swiss banks are committed to helping needy Holocaust survivors.

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New Information Available

On October 29, the following World War II-era accounts will be published:

- Dormant passbooks and savings accounts of non-Swiss citizens.
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Mandela: Libya bigger friend of S. Africa than Britain, US

TRIPOLI (Reuters) - South African President Nelson Mandela embraced Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi on Wednesday and promised after private talks to see him again "in a few days." Dismissing US objections to the visit as morally unfounded, Mandela, now on hia way to Edinburgh for today's opening of the Commonwealth summit, hailed Gaddafi as a hero of the struggle against apartheid and more of a friend of South Africa than Britain or the United States. Mandela rejected calls by the US to cancel the visit, which is his first since becoming president m 1994, but nhserved a United Nations air travel embargo by dri-ving from the Tunisian side of the border about 160 km to Tripoli.

"This man helped us at a time when we were all alone, when those who say we should not come here were helping the enemy [South Africa's white government]," he told reporters after greeting Gaddafi with a hug and a kiss on each cheek. "Those who say I should not be here are without morals. I am not going to join them in their lack of morality."

Mandela said in a midnight speech after protracted private talks with Gaddafi: "I will be meeting my brother leader again in a few days." He told Reuters later the second meeting could be on his way back from next week's Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Edinburgh or "a little later." He declined to expand on the purpose of the meeting, except to say that while it arose out of his private talks with Gaddafi, the second encounter could "address issues independent of those discussed tonight.

Mandela said earlier he was hoping for movement in the stalemate between Libya and the US and Britain over the venue for the trial of two Libyan suspects in the 1988 hombing of a Pan-Am jet over Lockerbie in Scotland, which cost 270 lives.

"It would be premature now to say exactly how we are going to search for a solution. [We] feel that to maintain these sanctions is to punish, the ordinary people of

Greenpeace slams US

global warming plan

Libya and that is why there is now great concern that the remaining sanctions must be lifted." he said.

He said South Africa supports the Organization of African Unity's call for a trial in a neutral third country and that he would seek to promote a resolution of the stalemate between Libya and the US and Britain at the Commonwealth summit,

Gaddafi reaffirmed in a 40minute speech to banquet guests who waited more than four hours for their dinner that Libya would never surrender the Lockerbic suspects, who are under house arrest in their home country, to Britain or the US for trial.

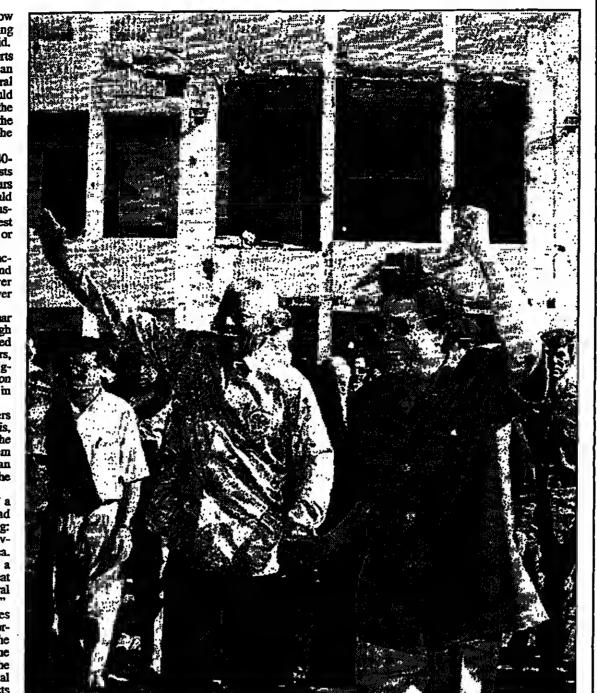
He said that while the UN sanctions are hurting his country and his people, "they can never impose surrender. They can never make us capitulate".

Lihyan Foreign Minister Omar Muntsser told Reuters that though many African leaders had visited Tripoli over the past five years, Mandela was Gaddafi's most significant guest since the imposition of the UN air travel embargo in 1992

"Mandela is one of the leaders of Africa and his coming here is, for us, just another support for the African position and our problem with the West. He is a man respected by all the world," he said.

He endorsed the sentiment of a hanner hung over the road travelled saying: Mandela "Mandela's visit to Lihya is a devastating hlow to America. President Mandela's action is a welcome defiance of onc great power trying to impose a unilateral position on the rest of the world." Muntsser said he hopes Mandela's visit would help to normalize Libya's relations with the US and other countries, but said he fears that Washington is using the dispute over the venue for the trial of two Libyan terrorism suspects as an excuse to isolate his country. No Western leader has visited Tripoli since Gaddafi, arguing they would not be treated fairly, refused to deliver the two Lockerbie suspects for trial in the US or Britain.

The Libyan leader has offered to



South African President Nelson Mandela (left) holds hands with his Libyan counterpart, Muammar Gaddafi, upon arrival in Tripoli Wednesday

send them for trial in a neutral Libya a terrorist state and, in line Mandela's visit, country, a proposal rejected by

Mandela has visited Libva twice with its policy of discouraging London and Washington. trade or diplomatic relations, on since his release from jail in 1990 The United States has branded Monday renewed its objection to but not since becoming president. since his release from jail in 1990

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Yeltsin said the January summit

will bring discussion of "a serious

question of the reorganization nf the work of the CIS." He added

that no major changes will be

made in the bureaucratic appara-

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Moldovan President Petru

Lucinschi said that the main aim

of the summit will will be to reach

complete agreement on free trade

among members of the CIS, which

includes all the former Soviet

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dinary session we will take one

question, and apparently that will

be the free-trade regime, and work

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sign," Hc said. He said many of

the "800 or 1,000"CIS agreements

have not implemented because not

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whose economies were tightly

interconnected in the Soviet

Union. Some have hlamed sepa-

rate, Russian-led groupings within

the CIS for sagging trade figures.

Leaders of CIS members have

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CIS summit brings harsh criticism; pledge to work harder

Russian President Boris

Yeltsin speaks to journalists at

Kishinev's airport yesterday.

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According to a text of his

speech, he said the lack of

progress is caused by wariness nf

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what the commonwealth should

The summit of the CIS, whose

formation in 1991 sealed the col-

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Criticism has centered around

the commonwealth's poor record

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(AP)

The women fight for Ireland

It is always difficult to travel The Irish Times. abroad when one's country is run by a buffoon.

At home one can berate the charlatan along with everyone else - overseas begins that terrible struggle between honesty and patriousm.

There's that smarmy face from Column One back home oncc again in the newspaper, or on television. There goes the insincere smirk. explaining his way out of the latest scandal with what you just know is a pack of lies, blaming everyone but himself and the sycophantic clowns he chose to surround

himself with. The

Thomas O'Dwyer

media. The opposition. They did it.

He rambles on with mock sincerity about pursuing a peace process everyone knows he's trying to torpedo, while all the power of government is focused only on keeping himself in power. One's media colleagues turn around with knowing grins and say, "So, what do you think of that? Does he really expect people to take him seriously?" Sheepishly, one lamely begins to defend the country rather than the man

Ah yesl It wasn't easy being Irish abroad when Charles Haughey was prime minister in Dublin.

Thankfully we got rid of him and now he hits the news only for admitting involvement in some past funding scam which he indignantly denied at the time.

Shake-up

Haughey came unpleasantly back to mind on a recent trip to the Far East only because my foreign colleagues were blessedly more interested in Ireland's curious presidential election campaign, now in progress, than in quizzing me about the State of Israel.

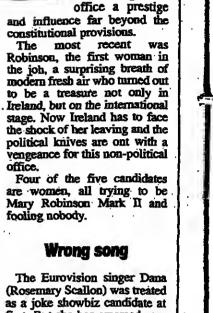
It made me lamentably aware of how out of touch I had become with Irish affairs. On looking into it, I was intrigued to discover that a woman we dined with in Tel Aviv a few months ago is now in the race for the presidency of Ireland. Now try to guess which one.

This presidential election in Ireland (at the end of October) is extremely interesting and is shaking the country to its roots. It is fascinating and potentially very worrying for liberals

who have believed for years

"When she left the presidency, Mary Robinson created not just a vacancy but a vacuum A vacancy is a quiet, harmless absence ... And vacuums are dangerous and unstable. They exert an unpredictable force.

sucking in strange pieces of the surrounding landscapé.' Now, the presidency of Ireland is like the presidency of Israel - it is ceremonial and without power. But like Israel, Ireland has been blessed in filling this office with giants of the time who have brought the



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The Eurovision singer Dana (Rosemary Scallon) was treated as a joke showbiz candidate at first. But she has cmerged as a front for the religious right wing, slipped in by a caucus of conservative municipal comcillors. She brings a nasty whiff of whiny American right-wing religious fundamentalism to reland.

The solid European center is held by opposition Fine Gael party nominee Mary Banotti - a member of the European Parliament and the only candidate to have won an election fight - three of them in fact. A. refreshingly sane and politically experienced idealist (not ideologue), she represents the Ireland most of us thought we belonged to - cultured, secular, social democratic, and, above all, modern European. She debates with the public on the Internct.

The ruling Fianna Fail Party astounded everyone by refusing to back its former leader and minister, Albert prime Reynolds, opting instead for a law professor, Mary McAleese. She quickly became front run-

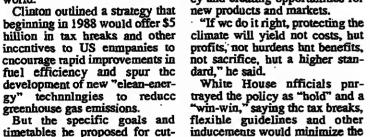
WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton pledged on Wednesday to "harness the power of the free market" for an assault on greenhouse gas pollution, outlining a package of incentives and modest targets he says will counter global warming while allowing husinesses to prosper.

But Greenpeace called the pro-posals "totally unacceptable." "If it were adopted at the Kyoto conference on climate change, we would consider the agreement a failure," Kalee Kreider of Greenpeace said in a statement. "To respond with such complacency to climate change is to ignore the threat to human health and the environment." "We must begin now to take out our insurance policy on the future,' Clinton told about 400 invited government officials and guests at the National Geographic Society's headquarters.

He said global warming "is real," and the "consequences, sooner or later, will be destructive fnr America and fnr the world."

hillion in tax hreaks and other incentives to US enmpanies to cncourage rapid improvements in fuel efficiency and spur the development of new "elean-energy" technnlngies to reduce

But the specific goals and timetables he proposed for cutting international emissions fall far short of what some scientists and many environmentalists say are needed. They also are considerably less amhitious than the



negative impact on industry and result in deep reductions in pollution before the mandatory limits even kick in.

KISHINEV, Moldova (AP) proposals proffered hy other industrial powers. Leaders of former Soviet republics The president's plan calls for aimed harsh criticism at their own

nebulous organization yesterday, blaming Russia most of all for the stabilizing the industrialized world's output of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases at many shortcomings of the Commonwealth of Independent 1990 levels between 2008 and 2012 - followed hy further, States. unspecified reductions hy the addressed to Russia," President year 2017. The European Union, Boris Yeltsin said after meeting by contrast, favors limiting emissions at 15 percent below 1990 with leaders from the 11 other CIS levels by 2010.

members. They charged that "I, as Talks are under way this week chairman, and Russia as a whole in Bonn, Germany, to try to reach are to blame that the CIS works an agreement on an international irrationally and ineffectively." plan to be signed in December in Yeltsin said the leaders made vir-Kyoto, Japan. The treaty would tually no decisions at their meeting in the capital of tiny Moldova, instead handing all issues off to set mandatory ccilings on cmissions hy nations around the world and impose penalties on their prime ministers to work out and scheduling a new summit in countries that fail to comply. Some business and labor exactly three months, on January

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groups say that even the relatively modest restrictions sought by The sorry state of the alliance, Clinton would strangle the ecowhich has shown signs of coming nomic growth, raise energy apart at the seams, demands that prices and put millions of people its members take "serious meaout of work. But Clinton said his sures so that the CIS not only surprogram wonid actually boost the vives and renews itself, but so that economy by increasing efficienthere can be no doubts about the cy and creating opportunities for existence of the CIS," Yeltsin said at a news conference. Yeltsin began the summit by

admitting that the alliance has largely failed and seeking to soothc what he said are fears among other member states that Moscow wants to use the organization to rebuild its empire.

Ginkgo extract shows benefit in slowing Alzheimer's

A popular herbal medicine derived from the leaves of ginkgo trees has a small but measurable effect on slow-(The Washington Post) ing the progression of Alzheimer's disease over the course of a year.

according to the results of a new study. The effect of the drug on Alzheimer's patients is more noticeable to family members than to doctors. Overall, it may delay a worsen-

ing of the disease by about six months. However, even the modest benefits were seen in only about

"You need to be lucky to have this kind of improvement," said the study's lead researcher, Pierre L. Le Bars, of the New York Institute for Medical Research and New York

Institutes of Health, who was not its use are not available. involved in the study.

"To have a plateau for six months and be able to interact with the person when they're still at a relatively early stage is something that many families would appreciate, I think." Between 6 percent and 8 percent of Americans over the age of 65 have Alzheimer's disease. The ailment begins with mild memory loss and often progresses to agitation, confusion, and physical dependency in its advanced stages. The average length of time from the appearance of symptoms to death is about eight years. There are no good treatments for it.

Ginkgo extract is the single biggest selling botanical drug in the world. In France and Germany, more than 10 million prescriptions for ginkgo-derived drugs are written every year. The substance's popularity is rapidly growing in the United States, although reliable estimates of that the days of the ultra-right national-religious camp were gone for good. It has been Ireland's second

economic miracle and the long cozy presidency of Mary Robinson that may have lulled the country into a false sense of security in its modernism, ultra-Europeanism, cultural renaissance, and general self-satisfaction.

Sucking sound

No one put it better than columnist Fintan O'Tonle in

ner, but this week is fighting off a scandal over accusations (denied) that she is sweet on Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA.

The left-wing Labor Party chose aid worker and environmentalist Adi Roche.

A late entry - and the only man - former policeman Derek Nally is a charmer who hopes to route the ladies by sheer hard work. Not many experts give him a chance.

So did you guess which candidate was recently in Tel Aviv? Yes, it was of course the European modernist, Mary Banotti.

Date set for czar's funeral

By YLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

MOSCOW (AP) — After a long debate, the Russian government has finally set a date next spring for the burial of the remains of the last czar, Nicholas II, and his family, a newspaper said yesterday but the place still has not been decided.

A government commission set the burial for March 1, a Russian Orthodox holiday called Forgiveness Sunday when believers repent for their sins, the busi-

Ginkgo extracts contain numerous

chemical compounds whose biolog-

ical properties fall into three main

In the new study, published

Wednesday in the Journal of the

American Medical Association, 309

people were randomly assigned to

receive either a ginkgo extract or a

placebo for up to a year. The

patients' average age was 69, and all

had mild to moderate dementia

caused either hy Alzheimer's or, in

about 30 percent of cases, multiple

If a participant worsened dramati-

cally, he or she could drop out of the

study and switch to the herbal medi-

cine if desired. On average, people assigned to the ginkgo extract stayed in the study 39 weeks, and people

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ness daily Kommersant reported, citing unidentified government officials.

According to the report, the govemment insists on burial in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul in St. Petersburg, where all Russian czars have been interred since Peter the Great.

But it has come under strong pressure from local officials in the Urais, who want the royal family to be huried in the city of Yekaterinhurg, where they were slain by a Bolshevik firing squad in 1918.

patient's condition. One measured themory, language use, coordination, and other cognitive functions. The second asked caregivers to evaluate a person's social and personal behavior. In the third, doctors or

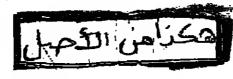
other clinicians provided a "global impression" of how the patient's condition had changed over time. In the cognitive test, people taking ginkgn on average showed no change over the course of the study, but those on placebo showed a slight decrease in score. In the caregivers' assessment, ginkgo users showed slight improvement, and placebo users slight decline, in functioning.

Both groups showed slight worsening in the clinicians' assessment. A cognitive improvement roughly equivalent to a delay of six months in Alzheimer's disease progression was seen in 26 percent of patients taking ginkgo, compared with 15 percent of patients taking placebo. (The Washington Post)

University Medical Center's department of psychiatry. "Although it has a reasonably modest effect, it could be meaningful to caregivers," said Marcelle Morrison-Bogorad, an Alzheimer's disease researcher at the National Institute on Aging at the National

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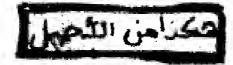


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Attempts to find a compromise on the conversion bill have so far been unsuccessful. Reform and Conservative leaders put the blame on the Orthodox for the lack of progress. Haim Shapiro reports

The conversion bill showdown

particularly in the US, says Brown said, adding quickly that it Council, said that as the immediate Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive was always possible that the result of the failure of the govern-

Hirsch said the guidelines rep- of failing to come to some sort of ple from the former Soviet Union resented substantial compromises solution to the problem. who, according to the Yisrael by the non-Orthodox. It was not Unfortunately, he added, the Ba'aliya party, are not Jews. easy for them, he said, to agree Orthodox establishment leadership The root of the problem, Hirsch that their rabbis would not perand the rabbinical establishment said. lay in the fact that the form conversions in Israel or that continue to condemn and make false Orthodox establishment, instead marriages would have to take of welcoming these people and accusations against the "two majorplace in the presence of what ity movements in Jewish life." encouraging them to identify as Jews, had adopted a policy that amounted to official supervisors. He added, "They have a narrow. exclusivist anachronistic view of However, he had seen no similar kept them from becoming Jews concessions by the Orthodox. world Jewry and of Judaism." nnless they adopted the most "I think it is a great tragedy that On the other hand, he said, world stringent view of Judaism. If the the Orthodox have not given an Jewry and the State of Israel had an Orthodox had seen this as a affirmative response to the general inclusive view, one that had resultbuman problem, making the ed in the Law of Return, giving immigrants part of Jewish life in guidelines of the Neeman Israel, the problem would not have arisen, Hirsch insisted. Committee," Hirsch said. automatic citizenship to anyone He greatly admired Neeman, he who had even one Jewish grand-According to statistics released by the rabbinical establishment admitted, who understands the parent. This, in turn, had led to the potential deleterious consequences immigration of some 150,000 peo-The impression one night get is that American Jews. Most American get is that Austantic over another and fustratic over Jews: Simply indifferent for Israel the conversion legislation, are taking to the barricades. But it taking to the parmaness scens more likely that they are taking a blics. The operator of Jewisb pluralhan. Is widening the distance between scale and American Jews, whose is videning the distance between is add Americali leves while indifferent to Ustacl bowever the instantice that he Beform and Conservative, movements. If the synapogne is illegiti-mate, then you are thrown into-volte, head of the Reform move-ment. If the synapogne is illegiti-the synapogne is in We can't risk making people But of an estimated six million . Jews to produce the bodies. choose between the synagogue . Jews in the US, only 150,000 reg-Ta New York, for instance, planand the State of Israel," said istered to vote and of those, onlyners are hesitant about organ community wide celebrations for Israël's Side anniversary, granly Musray Laulicht, an Orthodox. 111,000 cast ballots, The Reform lew who is president of the and Conservative movements wringing their hands in fear that Metrowest Federation in New won some 79,000 votes, which gave them bragging rights as the there's no festive, supportive representatives of American lewish public to participate. And lewry at least those who could although the American lewish be mobilized. Jersey, Left ensaid is that given such a choice, the synagogue will win. Although measuring, support In fact, though the Zionist for Israel, then sentiments do not for Israel is dicey, the avail ishie barometers indicate that Congress election was the most appear to be shared by the grass-American lews are increasingly recent opportunity for lews to roots leaders.

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itself, fewer than 1,000 people were converted to Judaism last year, he noted.

The Ortbodox establishment had rejected the Neeman Committee guidelines, he said. not because they cared about individuals but because they were concerned about retaining control of religious institutions in Israel, he cha

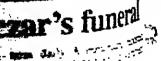
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Court to force the Interior

Ministry to register their converts

as Jews, a move that would prob-

ably result in a hasty attempt to

push through the conversion bill.

Diaspora Jewry, Bobby Brown,

said this week that Netanyahn is

still planning to address the

General Assembly as scheduled on

November 16. In the past,

Netanyahu has shied away from

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ed at the General Assembly of some crisis. the Council. of Jewish Federations, which is to be held Brown also insisted that it would be unwise for the Conservative and Reform to go ahead with their court in Indianapolis next month. The federations are mainly led by action. All it would do, he warned, would be to hasten passage of the members of Conservative and conversion bill. He said that the Reform congregations, who have Neeman Committee was still the been outspoken in their criticism of action which they see as delebest vehicle with which to reach gitimizing their movements in some sort of understanding.

There are new directions and Prime Minister Netanyahu is new proposals on how to make progress," Brown said. likely to receive a less than warm However, Rabbi Ehud Bandel, reception, especially if the con-

president of the Conservative version bill and a planned law regarding religious councils are movement in Israel, said this week passed. The conversion bill

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so far its proposed guidelines have been rejected by the Chief Rabbinate, which would have to concern to secular be a key body in implementing

Jews in israel" - Rabbi Richard Hirsch,

executive director of the World Union for **Progressive Judaism**

that so far he and his Reform colleagues have heard no new proposals. He saw no compromise in sight and no reason to delay the court action, which has already been postponed for several months. Hirsch, who is a member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, on the board of the

Jewish Agency, and the immediate past president of the Zionist General

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ment to reach a compromise over the conversion issue, there could well be divergence between the government and the Jewish Agency, with the government supporting Orthodox institutions and the Jewish Agency supporting the Conservative and Reform.

There could be a situation where the government goes in one direction and the Jewish Agency goes in another," he said this week. The government, he said, had been influenced by the religious parties far beyond what their proportional support warranted, giving in on political issues and providing economic support. The Diaspora. and particularly American Jewry. was concerned about the character of the State of Israel. It was no accident, he said, that the issue of religion and state in Israel was of vast concern to Diaspora Jews and of relatively little concern to secular Jews in Israel.

Hirsch noted the recent elections in the US for representatives to the World Zionist Organization, in which the Reform Zionist movement won 47 percent of the votes, while the Conservative Zionist movement gained 26%. That meant, he said, that three quarters of American Jewry identified with non-Orthodox religious movements.

Against this was the reaction last week of the chief rabbis and the religious parties, who rejected the proposed guidelines of the committee headed by Finance Minister Neeman over the conversion issue. The committee had worked toward a central conversion institute that would deal with candidates from all streams of Judaism, but with the actual conversion ceremony carried out by an Orthodox rabbinical court. It had also suggested that non-Orthodox rabbis be allowed to perform marriages, with two official "witnesses" representing the chief rabbinate.

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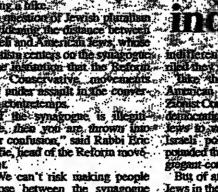
monopolistic control Judaism?" he said. Meanwhile, despite the general mood of pessimism, the Reform and Conservative leaders say they are still committed to continuing their work within the Neeman Committee. "The committee is continuing

to work. We are still determined to reach a positive conclusion to the work of the committee." Bandel said.

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Barak's conversion dilemma

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak must woo

religious parties if he wants to be Israel's next

prime minister. But can he afford to anger Jews

abroad by backing demands to outlaw Reform and

Conservative conversions? Dan Izenberg

analyzes the party's position

has thrown out some bait to Snare a hig fish - Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak. But hased on conversations with Labor Party figures in the past few days, it looks like Barak with a little prodding from his friends - is not going to hite.

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During a meeting held in the succa of Shas spiritual mentor Rahbi Ovadia Yosef late last week, Deri told Barak that if be was sincere about wanting Labor to turn a oew leaf in relations with the Sephardim and the Orthodox, he should back two bills being pushed by the religious parties.

The first aims to prevent Reform and Conservative rabbis in Israel from converting non-

"If Labor votes against us on these bills, the party can forget about forming a coalition with us - in this world, or in the world to come"

today.

Jews. The second seeks to ban Reform and Conservative membership on religions councils. One senior Shas official report-

edly put it thia way: "If Labor votes against us on these bills, the party can forget about forming a coalition with us - in this world, or in the world to come."

Deri had good reason tn believe that the threat would not fall on deaf ears, as Barak has made no secret that he wants to try and change Labor's political, social and religious alignments so he can win the next election.

His recent apolngy to Sepbardic immigrants for their suffering as newcomers in the 1950s and 1960s was a first step in that direction. That move was soon followed by an announcement, in who want to see their representa-

A has Party leader Arych Deri response to Deri's demands, that he intended to distance the party from Meretz.

At the time of his apology. many observers wrote that Barak would have to back his words with actions to lend them credihility. It seems that Deri bopes to call io his first markers over the conversion and religious council hills.

The latest crisis over the cootroversial legislation began less than two weeks ago with news that the two chief rabbis, Eliahu in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv and Bakshi-Doron and Yisrael Lau, and the three Orthodox Knesset Kiryat Tivon. factions - Shas, the United Torah drafted a transitional hill freezing Judaism Party and the National all appointments to the councils Religious Party - had rejected a compromise formula for allowing until they are reconstituted to

exclude the non-Orthodox. The Reform- and Conservative-conparties have also demanded immediate Knesset approval of both the conversion and transitional religinns councils bill. If ever Barak wanted to prove in the Orthodox parties that he was their friend, this would be a fine time. But Barak cannot afford to dn it. In all fairness, he probably wouldn't like to meet

their demands in this case. But he ducted ennversion and Reformseems to be trying to adopt the and Conservative-officiated wedmost conciliatory and statesmanlike tone possible to keep alive dings. The formula had been drawn up hopes of a future political alliance with the haredim. by a seven-man committee led hy During his meeting with Yosef, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman. The committee was Barak, the former commander-in-chief who wants to 2 114 established last June to head off promote himself as the the threat of a rupture between

Orthodnx parties bave already

Israel and nnn-Orthodox Jcws country's guarantor of : abroad over the conversion hill. security, explained that his *** The committee agreed twice to stance on the status of the extend the deadline for delibera-Reform and Conservative tioos originally set for August 15. The latest expiration date is movements was anchored in his concern for a safe Israel.

The crisis has been heightened "The overriding by the fact that the High Court of need is for a secure the coming week hy the Reform and strong Israel. and to achieve that, " we need a united Jewisb nation," he said, and Conservative movements,

tives seated on religious councils in a statement carefully crafted to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative. "That can only be achieved hy compromise."

When it comes to the conversion issue, Barak is not personally concerned about the details of compromise. His only conditions are that a formula be acceptable to both sides. and that the feelings of Refnrm and Conservative communities in the Diaspora be taken intn account.

We cannot accept a situation which will create divisiveness and rift within the Jewish nation," he said. With regard to the religinus councils, **1**. Barak has made sure to stress that he favors

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posed by Shas' threat but has no

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"There is no other way of look-

only apparent way to achieve a compromise that would grant some recognition to the Reform and Conservative movements in the conversion process and restructure the provision of religious services, he said. "Barak is wrong. He doesn't know them," added MK Haggai Merom, "I am absolutely is to continue the discussions.

We muat continue the ceasefire," said Yaron Jacobs, Barak's adviser on religious affairs, referring to an agreement reached back in June to refrain from taking any controversial steps on issues dividing the Orthodox and

Continuiog the "cease-fire" means that the Reform and Conservative movements should postpone their petitions to the Supreme Court and give the Neeman Committee more time.

wasn't able to complete its work after a crisis that erupted after some of their ideas were leaked.

believe the voices of those opposed to teaming up with the Orthodox against pluralism will be stronger. Anyone who wants to take that path will not be able to lead the Labor Party."

MK Ori Orr spoke out strongly for a compromise along the lines of the Neeman Committee. The compromise calls for halachic cooversion based on the participation and cooperation of all three religious streams.

Reform and Conservative rabbis abroad. "Conversion should be Orthodox, but the solution must not be politically imposed." Hacohen said.

Neeman's call for a form of conversion that would be overseen by all three religious streams is not new, Hacohen asserted. He said the idea was proposed 20 years ago and then rejected by the Orthodox at the last minute. People who want to convert and

the Reform stream should be encouraged to do so, Hacohen said. He also

maintained that the "enormous" problem of intermarriage among diaspora Jews "was not caused by. the Reform movement.

"Most of those who intermarry are completely cnt off from Judaism. Those who want to convert indicate that they do care about Judaism. I don't want to. alienate them." Hacohen added This issue is critical to the Jewish nation. It could create a' deep fissure."

With regard to Barak, Hacohen said he believes that the partychairman "does not understand the religious and baredi population, just like Peres did oot. Whoever understands the world view of the haredim knows that

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Hacohen spoke out strongly for them, a partnership with against the conversion iaw and in Liknd is always preferable." favor of the Neeman compromise.

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that under no circumstances would

Labor vote for a law that could

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take Netanyahu's irons oot of the

fire," Orr said. "After all, we are

in the opposition. It's the prime

minister's problem. It might be a

different matter if we were the

government and on our way to a

peace treaty with the Arabs when

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"But that is not the case," Orr

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a solution proposed by none other than Deri himself when he was interior minister - to nities over eliminate the religious counthe legislation cils and transfer their responsibilities to the time in order to forge a comlocal councils, where promise. My position is that even most political and ideological streams tend to if we want a compromise - which don't - we should start out by be represented. In the immediate future, the presenting our ultimate demands." there was any hnpe of attracting Orthodox voters to Labor with or

non-Orthodox movements.

Jacobs said that the committee

"We believe that it's possible to reach a compromise. Any decision that does oot involve compromise is a had decision,"

The difference between Barak were the oetermining factor, it Hacohen, who retired from pol-and his colleagues is not so much in would make no difference itics a decade ago hut was asked

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substance as in tone, yet it reveals a contrast in attitudes regarding hopes for a potential political alliance with the Orthodox.

"We must vote against both laws and we must say so in the clearest possible way," says MK Uzi Baram, who has just returned from a trip to the United States where he saw first-hand, the anger in the Reform and Conservative commuLabor support for the Orthodox parties over this issue as "a momentary collaboration which will not endure."

Merom believes that Barak is trying to form some alliance with the Orthodox parties, but that he lacks the political strength to do so. "Barak will not go as far as he would like to," said Merom. "I

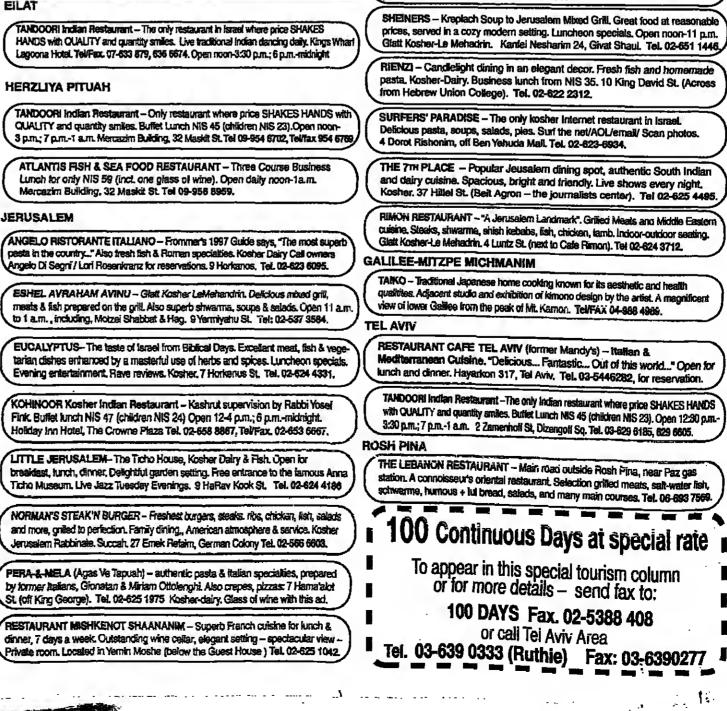
according to Merom, who regards to join a Labor committee appointed to draft policy over the two religious hills, said: "We must oppose them in the clearest possible way."

Hacohen, who supports halachic conversion, believes that the law proposed by the Orthodox parties is self-contradictory, since it could in fact be interpreted as recognizing conversion performed hy

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one thing is clear. However the issue of the status of the Reform and Conservative movements is resolved, it probably won't change the relationship between Labor and the Orthodox community.

Barak has made it clear that be is pinning hopes of winning the next election on getting more sup-port from religious and Sephardic voters. Many in his party don't seem to think this is possible.



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Dancing on thin ice

An Israeli belly dancer's accusation of attempted rape against popular Egyptian ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny produced shock waves here and in Egypt. Michal Yudelman examines possible effects of the scandal on Egyptian-Israeli relations and the local diplomatic scene

THE story has all the makings of a joint Arab-Israeli soap opera. There's a foreign ambassador, a sex scandal, a glimpse into the world of Israel's social elite, hints of international intrigue and conspira-

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At the heart of the matter is Egypoan Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny, the most high-profile diplomat in Israel, who has been here for more than 17 years.

Bassiouny, who is extremely popular in high society circles, was accused of attempted rape by a belly dancer whose identity is protected behind the code name "Alef." Bassiouny countered with his own charge of attempted blackmail and hinted that the affair was part of a larger political conspiracy against ĥim. Bassiouny was cleared of all charges last week, but the affair has left a cloud over the ambassador's senior diplomatic career and has aggravated the already relations strained between Israel and

Egypt. It all began two months ago when circulated rumors about an assignation between Bassiouny and a belly dancer in the Ramat Gan apartment of his friend, Doctor Ychoshafat Shulman. after which the dancer made allegations of attempted rape.

Police sought and won a court order banning publication of the story. That may have kept it out of the media, but under the surface it bounced in and ont of the highest political windows, creating a fever of concern. Presideot Weizman, Prime Minister Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Levy held consultations on how to handle the affair, and decided to gag it for Belly dancing is an art, and not an invitation to harassment. (The dancer shown here is not 'Alef.')

Alef, in turn, also proved adept at using the media. In interviews she gave which were published only after the ban was lifted last week, she said she realized police pressure was intended to "persuade" her to drop charges against Bassiouny. She refused. According to Alef's story, Bassiouny asked her to go to

Dr. Shulman's flat in Ramat Gan "because he had something to give me for my birthday [which was on that day.] He said it was a work proposal. When I got there the doctor wasn't home, and Bassiouny told me he was abroad. He sat next to me and gave me lots of presents." After that, she alleged, he tried to persuade her to have sex with him and then tried to force himself on her when she refused. "I felt humiliated and terribly hurt. A man in his position - I didn't want to cross him. Finally he apologized and said it won't happen again. I went home, but after two days I felt I was bursting. I went to the police and filed a complaint." At the end of last week the court lifted the ban on the story's publication. The state prosecutor said both Bassiomy's and Alef's files were closed for lack of evidence. But the affair continues to have social and diplomatic reverberations as gossip swirls about conspiracy, political white-washing, and gender discrimination.

In a clumsy attempt to justify her decision to close the case against Bassiouny, State Prosecutor Edna Arbel poured more fuel on the flames herself.

In interviews last weekend, Arbel tried to ward off reports that she, or Attorney-Geoeral Eliyakim Rubinstein, had been pressured to close the affair.

The court order banning publication of the story kept it out of

the media, but at the highest political level, it created a fever

Women's Network's legal team, attorney Rivka Meller-Ölshitzky, regretted "that Arbel spoke in the stereotypical terms usually used by those who justify sexual aggres-sion against women." Esther Eillam, an activist in the Rape Crisis Center, said it was the dancer's right to go wherever she wanted, wearing whatever she wanted, without being sexually molested. "This right is indivisible," asserted Eillam, anthor of Rape Survivors, Rape Crimes and the Authorides, published by the Jerusalem Insolute for Israel

Studies (1995). "It's the attitude that what she was wearing had anything to do with it, and the implication that she brought it on herself, that's so infuriating," she said. "It's hard to believe that after everything we've done, after treating thousands of rape victims, there is still such a gap between all the information we've been spreading and the prevailing conceptions. Sexism is so deeply rooted that even women are not immune to it. It's no accident that the woman is the one sacrificed for the loftier interests of the state," Eillam commented, "I just wonder if the authorities would have treated the parties involved in the same way had Bassiouny been an ordinary citizen of no social or diplomatic status." Belly dancers were furious. "Belly dancing is an art and part of our culture," said Bracha Cohen, a belly dancer who has also been teaching it for 20 years. "It's oo more provocative than ballet or jazz dancing, and the clothes are certainly no skimpler than in any other form of dance, When have you last seen a show of Bat Sheva? Have you seen what they're wearing?" But, she stressed, "That's not the point. The point is that even if a woman wears something which is perceived as provocative, it's no excuse to rape her." Cohen was especially

incensed by Arbel's implication

that because of her skimpy attire

that the affair with the belly dancer will have an effect on Ambassador Bassiouny's diplomatic career. "This affair brings no honor either to Bassionny or to Egypt, regardless of whether he is telling the truth or not," he said. In the past, when an ambassador's position was

compromised, the circumstances were entered in his personal record. Even if oo immediate action was taken against him, a scandal would shorten the ambassador's term and in some cases delay or completely suspend his promotion and career, the former ambassador said.

He cited the case of an Israeli ambassador in Cyprus who was hauled out of a bar reeling drunk. The ministry didn't recall him that very month, but it decided to bring him back as soon as the fuss died down," he recalled.

There is no doubt that under normal circumstances, an ambassador involved in possible scandal or alleged crime is called home to explain himself and after six months or so, his term is suddenly ended. At least that's how it's done in Israel, he

In view of the distrust and tension between the two states, Bassionny may manage to convince his ministry superiors that the affair is a slanderous conspiracy against him. This will still be difficult because he cannot deny being in that apartment with the dancer and would have to explain why, the former envoy said. It should be noted, he added, that the Egyptian Foreign Ministry is run extremely professionally and to exacting standards.

Apart from the effect of such an affair on the ambassador's career record, it will hinder his work. "His wife is involved in his activities, and this is bound to affect at least their professional partnership.

Romantic affairs and sex scandals involving diplomats are not uncommon, but ambassadors are trained to beware of what was known in Cold War days as the "honey trap" - falling for an attractive local person who was probably a planted agent.

Will scandal spoil

Bassiouny's career?

former senior Israeli ambassador believes Israel and Egypt, the former ambassador believes.

fear of damaging relations with Egypt. It was also feared that the Egyptians would draw a connecdon between the Bassiouny affair and the recent conviction of Israeli Azzam Azzam in Egypt for espionage. It was assumed that this would heap more difficulties in the way of getting Azzam released.

Police officers discreetly investigated Alef's charge and questioned Bassiouny - who was legally shielded by diplomatic immunity. He admitted knowing the belly dancer but vehemently denied trying to force himself on her. But police also followed up a suspicion that the dancer and one of her friends might be trying to blackmail the ambassador.

The dancer elaimed to police that Shulman had offered her several thousand dollars to keep the story to herself, and that Bassiouny's wife. Nagua, had also tried to buy her silence. Shulman denied this and Nagua said Alef tried to blackmail her.

About a month ago, Bassiouny complained publicly of harassment "by official Israeli elements." In an

of concern. President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy decided to gag the story for fear of damaging relations with Egypt

interview with Yediot Aharonot's Smadar Peri, he charged that his car had been searched, he was getting anonymous telephone calls in the middle of the night, and that a group of extreme right-wingers was demonstrating outside his residence with police permission. 'My suitcases are packed. I'm ready to leave at any moment," he said, Predictably, the story roused anger in Egypt, which officially

had kept mum to that point. President Hosni Mubarak threatened that if the harassment did not cease, "we'll have to consider our options," Yediot Aharonot reported. The harassment against Bassionny ceased and police detained Alef and one of her friends. They interrogated her for 10 hours on suspicion of trying to blackmail the ambassador.

Arbel said that even Alef's ver-Alef had no case, and that this was sion of what happened indicated part of the reason for closing it. that no criminal offense was Realizing her error, Arbel hasinvolved. She said the dancer had tened to issue a correction, saying gone voluntarily to the tryst with her comment had been taken out of Bassiouny in "sheer and skimpy" context. She stressed that "whether clothing and "knew what she was a woman wears revealing or other getting into." The comments sent shockwaves through women's organizations, legal circles, and the belly dancers' community. Professor Alice Shalvi, chairman attire, I don't think it condones any kind of act against her." Arbel explained: "It's hard to get into details without violating privacy. We mentioned her clothing as one of the Israel Women's Network. of the things to be taken into consaid "Arbel's statement implies sideration. But I stressed we had that a woman who comes to somedetermined there was no use of body's home dressed in certain force or violence and no sexual clothes should know what she's in contact. There was no rape or for. I find that unacceptable. The attempted rape. The complaint tendency to blame the victim in referred to indecent acts, but no cases of sexual assault is neither such acts took place in the legal reasonable nor fair. It does not sense of the term. That's what I matter what a woman is wearing, if tried to explain. I didn't say a girl mustn't wear one kind of clothing she says clearly that she is not interested in sex." The head of the or another."

However, Bassiouny's case might be an exception due to the unusual state of affairs between

and dinners

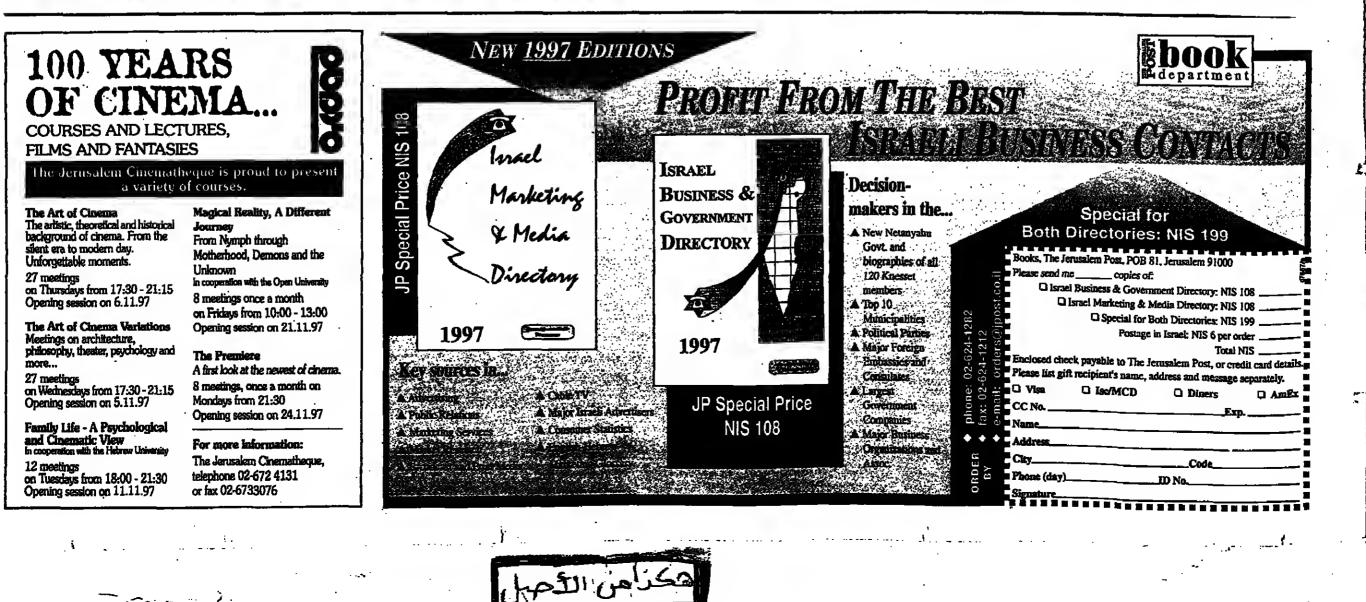
Bassiouny, as an experienced career diplomat and former intelligence officer, should have known better. Hence there is no excuse for what Bassiouny got involved in. the former envoy said.

A diplomat's paradise T srael is regarded as a diplomovers and stakers of business ing bou vivants and diplomats of and are included on every years. The Bassionnys sources and wilde Bassion with a thirling perior in the basion in th time. Foreign, diplomats on annival are immediately embraced by Israel's high soci-

never-ending run of parties, body who's anybody in Israeli gala opening nights, receptions society, from President Ezer and Reuma Weizman, to ministers The Bassiounys, both outgoand Knesset members to the

mance by an exotic belly dancer. It was at one of his own parties that Bassionny met Alef, the

belly dancer,





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aving delivered, in 1726, a complex Talmudic sermon in a synagogue packed with vintage Litvak scholars, the sixyear-old Elijah of Vilna immediately became a myth.

During the rest of his 77 years, the monumental prodigy is said to have been so dedicated to religious study that he rarely slept more than a total of two hours a day, forcing himself to stay awake in Lithuania's hiting winter nights hy dipping his toes in tubs of cold water. In the daytime he would shutter the windows around him and study by candlelight, so as to avoid the outside world's distracting hustle and bustle. To keep his mind working even while in the hathroom where one is forbidden to study Torah - he used that part of his carefully planned day to explore such secular subjects as algebra, astronomy, and geography. The results of all that supreme

intellectual effort were so potent that from his position in Vilnins in between the great Jewish centers

A VIEW FROM NOV

The new 'gaons'

of Russia in the east and Poland in the west - Elijah established himself as his generation's superior Judaic authority, even though be never assumed public office nor donned any official ritle. His only title was the Gaon - the genius. And so it remains until today, an accomplishment achieved hy no other exceptionally smart Jew, from Maimonides to Einstein.

Understandably, then, when a oewly iodependent Lithuania recently marked, amid some pomp and circumstance, the Gaon's 200th yahrzeit, controversy focused on the post-communist republic's ulterior motives - con-sidering its reluctance to holdly tackle its sinister Nazi-era record rather than on its selection of the Gaon's Lebenskraft as a symbol of its glorious Jewish past

cles, encouraged self-expression through ecstatic singing and danc-And yet there is a strange discrepancy hetween the warm embrace of the Gaon hy Gentiles ing, and offered a quasi-Catholic mortal intermediary between man and the conspicuous silence with and God. Having hurgeoned a cen-tury after the traumatic conversion which we Israelis treat his legacy. Though this may have to do with to Islam of Shahbetai Zevi - the our understandable fixation these false Messiah who swept a generadays with the typically Israeli contion of rabhis off its feet - there coction of Mossad dehacle, was even more reason to regard the Lebanon quagmire and flash-Hassidic movement as an ominous floods disaster, it is also because threat to rabhinical authority. the Gaon's memory has been tragically damaged hy his own ill-consight, we now know that the ceived, ill-advised and ill-fated role Gaon's war, from his own view-

in fomenting intra-Jewish strife. Inspired by the Gaon's relentless pursuit of the Hassidic movement.

18th-century Vilnius anchored a Revolution's leaders were husy culture war highlighted by synaemancipating the Jews, and to gogue closures, public book-burnings, and, ultimately, full excom-Berlin, where Moses Mendelssohn was translating the Bible into a munication of the rapidly growing Hehrew-transliterated German, movement's followers. To get a feel of how deep and cruel that schism was, one should read S.Y. Agnon's Tehila, which tells the story of a 90-year-old Jerusalem spinster whose memories are dominated by the cancellation of her planned wedding nearly eight decades earlier, after her family learned of the groom's Hassidism. Surely, the Gaon's hot pursuit was not shom of its theological rationale. Unlike the type of intel-lectually driven leadership which he embodied, Hassidism offered a charismatic alternative wherehy

thus building the other end of a Jewish-Gentile bridge which eventually would pose the truly potent, long-term threat to the Gaon's brand of Judaism. The Hassidim, meanwhile, not only posed no threat to Judaism. but they opheld it in times and places where it might otherwise

have vanished. Besides being unjustified, the Gaon's war was also unwise. It ignored the malaise of masses of persecuted, downtrodden and undereducated Jews who could scarcely relate to the rahhis' Talmudic hair-splitting, much less find in it solace for the gloomy lives they were leading.

One can say many things about Hassidism, but no one can deny that it struck a dormant chord, catered to a popular need, and reached out in a manner that its detractors - the mitnagdim - could never emulate. The Gaon, ever besieged behind his shuttered Vilnius study's walls, apparently failed not only to cater to, hut even Even so, with the benefit of hindto detect, the needs of simple Jews in far-flung domains.

point, was misguided. If anything, NOW THAT same wrath of the underinformed and overconfident wards, to Paris, where the French is evident in the attitudes of such

would-be gaons as NRP and Shas rabbis Avraham Shapira and David Yosef, who said non-Orthodoxy "has nothing to do with Judaism." Yosef has no more than a nodding acquaintance with American Jewry and has ver to sift through the writings of such non-Orthodox. rabbinical luminaries as Solomon Schechter, Abraham Joshua Heschel and Mordecai Kaplan, all of whom could have taught him a thing or two about the very Judaism be so brazenly seeks to monopolize.

As for Shapira, his failure to become a public figure even during a decade-long tenure as chief rabhi speaks volumes for his inability just like the mimagdim in their time - to connect with the broad public outside his immediate pale.

That predominantly secular public, for its part, has been languishing for half a century in a spiritual vacuum which a well-organized and lavishly pampered Israeli Orthodoxy has failed to fill. Non-Orthodoxy may stand little more than a slim chance of fill-

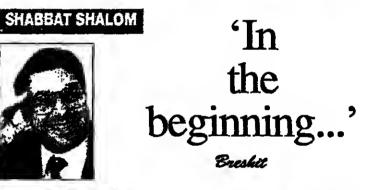
ing that gap, hut it deserves its chance to offer a hridge of its own between secular Israel and its Judaic heritage.

Besides, stopping religious inoovators io their tracks hy diverting a legitimate theological debate with them into the dark alleys of unfair fighting will not work. Even the Gaon failed at it.

Dry Bones

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By SHLOMO RISKIN

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Gen. 1:1)

Indountedly, Judaism believes in one deity who U cannot be grasped hy human intellect. Nevertheless, God does reveal different aspects of His ineffahle being to His human creations, and these must be understood and even acted upon. These practical but important

guarantee in the Bible is that the Jews will never be destroyed, and will ultimately redeem this world, and the Sages add that all the righteous will ultimately be rewarded in the world to come (B.T.Yoma 68b). In accordance with this theolo-

gy, a bassidic teaching provides an alternative way of reading the first three words in the Torah, which says the words can also be understood as; "God created - beginning," i.e., new beginnings; start-overs, renewed opportuni-

the innocent suffering in a world

which is often unfair. God's only

expressed by the different names ties. used to designate the Almighty. Anyone who has attended sec-Rashi was very much aware of ond or third marriages between widowed and/or divorced people understand the significance of the opportunity provided hy "another chance." Free will, the making of our own choices, implies that sometimes mistakes will be made. But instead of Divine Justice descending like a bolt of lightning. Divine Mercy emerges to absorb the lethal charge. This means we always bave another chance to better ourselves. And isn't this after allwhat "beginnings" are all about? True repentance means carving out a new beginning for oneself. Beginnings, therefore, go hand in hand with Divine Mercy, and Divine Faith io the human personality to recreate him/herself and forge a new destiny. In fact, if we forget for a moment the account of Adam and Eve as an esoteric tale of good and evil, hut instead concentrate on the hasic outline of the story, we find a domestic tragedy (as pointed out hy Elie Wiesel). A man and a woman had two sons. To their horror, one turned out to he a morderer, and the other son was murdered. What happens to such parents? How do they go on with their lives? Clearly, they could be in mourning for the rest of their lives, hrooding about the sheer waste of it all. But what do these first two parents do? They have a third son. Seth! This idea fits well with Rabhi Joseph Soloveichik's understanding of Rashi's comment as to why the Torah begins with creation when it could have gone straight to the first commandment (Exodus 12:2). The Rav answers Rashi by ciaiming that the opening phrase also reflects the most fundamental commandment in the Torah, the commandment of walking in the path of God: just as He creates, so are we commanded to create. And what is it that He created? First and foremost He created a beginning, the opportunity to make another effort. Indeed, the mystical interpretation of the Bible suggests that God had created and destroyed many previous worlds before He created the present one. Without the possibility of making our own choices - toward redemption or toward destruction, toward good or toward evil. toward life or toward death - the human is not the same human, and the world is not the same world. The glory of both God and humanity is to be found in the opening phrase of the Bible.

The elephant and the 'occupation' problem

he should have lifted his eyes west-

rabbis purported to perform mira-

very like a rope." The men then get into a heated argument over their respective perceptions, "Each in his own opinion / Exceeding stiff and strong, / Though each was partly in the right, / And all were in the wrong!" (Poetry Festival, edited by John Bettenbender, N.Y., Dell, 1966).

fact." He wrote:

"In the past people deliberately lied, or they unconsciously colored what they wrote, or they struggled after the truth, well knowexisted and were more or less discoverable

Note the crucial qualifying clause in this definition, "as perceived." OVO ITS OF of the arena or the street is likely to see something not perceptible hy someone secing the same event from a different part. And people of different socio-cultural and educational backgrounds are likely to hear, perceive and report the same events differently. This limitation is illustrated by the Hindu fable of the six hlind men describing an elephant in terms of the respective section of the beast each was feeling. As related in the poetic version of John Godfrey Saxe, one of the men lands by the elephant's side and declares the beast to be "very like a wall!" The second feels the tusk, and perceives "This wonder of an elephant" to be "very like a spear!" The third takes "The squiming trank within his hands, and declares the elephant to be "very like a snake!" The fourth feels the area of the knee and announces, "Tis clear enough the Elephant / Is very like a tree." The fifth,

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hjectivity is the ability to "express or

deal with facts or conditions as per-

ceived without distortion by person-

an elephant" to be "very like a fan!" The sixth, landing by the tail, says the elephant "Is

Nevertheless, there is always what George

Orwell has called unchallengeable "neutral

ing that they must make many mistakes; but in each case they believed that 'the facts' If you look up the history of [World War I]

in...the Encyclopaedia Britannica, you will find that a respectable amount of the material is drawn from German sources. A British a German historian would disagree deeply on many things, even on fundamen-tals, hut there would still be that body of, as it were, neutral fact on which neither would seriously challenge the other" (Collected Essays, Journalism and Letters, Volume 2, My Country Right or Left 1940-1943, Penguin, 1970, page 296. Thanks to Ralph Katzenell of Binyamina). authorities, Muhammad Sayyed al-Tantawi, chief sheikh of Cairo's Al-Azhar Mosque,

Islam, like Judaism, ranks suicide as a sin. However, Tantawi has ruled that a Moslem who serves as a human bomh in order to take Jewish lives along with his own - or the lives of anyone declared to be an enemy - is not a sinful suicide, but a noble shahid/martyr, a "holy witness" to the the justice of the Arab/Moslem cause.

Addressing an assembly of students at the University of Alexandria recently, he noted that Islam, like the other monotheistic religions, forbids the murder of children and old or helpless people. However, Jews are "attackers," and therefore not entitled to exemption as "aged, child or woman." And the shahid who takes Jewish lives is considered to have acted in self-defense.

In sum, "Since the Jews cause us evil, we must fight them courageously." And "The youth of the Islamic resistance who hlow elves up in order to cause casualties are considered the greatest of those who die. because they die as martyrs." A group of Israeli rabbis has several times this year called on Tantawi and other Moslem prelates to urge their junior colleagues to preach against the attacks in Israel's civilian centers, and to halt the inflammatory anti-Israel, anti-Jewish rhetoric. He responded: "When the land is taken hy force and oppression prevails, anger prevails and attacks occur in selfdefense. Wheo Jewish religious figures incite to oppression, should I stand silent?" He might have been asked a few questions for clarification; perhaps someone will ask him now: In what circumstances was that land "taken hy force"? Who was the original "self-defender," and still is, in the Arab-Jewish conflict? Can he name any of his Jewish counterparts - all the generations of our chief rabhis - who "incite to oppres-

sion," indeed to murder, the way he and other leading Moslem Arab clerics do?

It would be interesting to see to what extent his replies jibe with neutral fact and to what extent they are ideological figments born of hlind, demonologically based hatred.

(The Tantawi citations were collated by the Foreign Ministry.)

OUR SO-CALLED Peace Camp, bas defined "the occupation" as embracing Judea, Samaria, and (its more radical wing) castern Jerusalem and all of the Golan Heights. Hence, our moderate peaceniks are prepared, in exchange for peace, to "give back everything - except lerusalem, of course," and perhaps also a specified section of the Golan.

The Arafatians, however, have not yet unequivocally renounced their Palestine-libcration intentions, and have not dissociated themselves from their Hamas kissing partners' hroader definition of "occupation." "The 'occupation'...means the occupation of all of Palestine ... my country," Abdel Aziz Rantisi, the Gaza Hamas leader, saio in his own name and that of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. He was interviewed in English by Dr. Aaron Lerner, codirector of IMRA/Independent Media & Review and Analysis. Are the true, neutral facts significant at all to the likes of Rantisi, or, for that matter, of the Arafatians? As for Sheikh Yassin, with whom some of our rahhis wish to form a "religious front" to fight materialism, permissiveness, etc. - he maintains that "Within a few years there will be no more State of Israel, so there is no point in entering into negotiations with her" (Yedios Aharonor, October 12).

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ONE HUGE problem in the bloody, eight-decade-old Arab-Jewish conflict in Eretz Yisrael is that for the Arab leaders and spokespersons and their oon-Arab collaborators and a growing number of their constituents, there has never been a neutral fact pertaining to the conflict on which they will agree with us or even with a disinterested observer. Some say it openly, others conceal it in a labyrinth of cuphemistus or just meaningless, evasive words.

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facets of the Divine essence are

Rashi writes: "It does not state Lord [JHWH, the four-letter name] Lecause at first God (Elchim, Judge) intended to create [the world] with the attribute of strict justice. However, the Almighty realized that the world could not endure in such a mode, and therefore gave precedence to Divine mency (rachamim), uniting it with Divine justice. That is why we find one chapter later: Ano these are the generations of the heaven and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God jHaShem Elokim] made the earth and the heav

cos."" (Gen. 2:4) What does Rashi mean? Why couldn't the world endure under the rule of Divine justice?

A world run in accordance with Divine justice would mean that as soon as someone does wrong, punishment is meted out. We would never have to ask why bad things happen to good people because an evil act would be stopped in its tracks; after all, an innocent person's suffering would violate the principle of Divine justice. The Nazi's hand would wither in the process of lifting the knife to hurt a hair on the head of a Jewish baby, the individual's voice would be silenced before he even was able to articulate the slander he had planned. What kind of world would this be? If evil could not exist because of the all-embracing power of Divine justice, how would the human be different from a laboratery rat being conditioned to move through a tun-

nel? Simply stated, the burnan

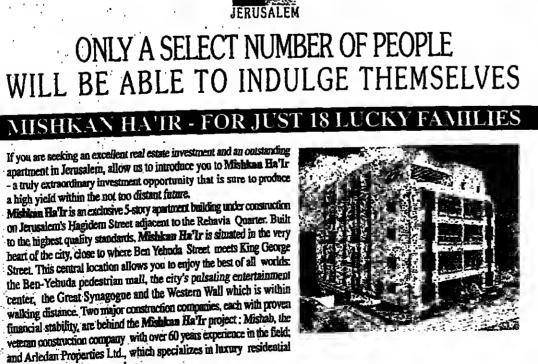
being, a creature who makes choices either learns from his mistakes or is "doomed to repeat them." either succumbing or not succambing to temptation.

Man could not exist as anything more than a pawn if Divine justice ruled the world. There would be no room for the wavering personality torn between two equally compelling choices.

For the world to exist while containing human beings able to chonse between wielding a murderer's knife or a physician's scalpel, God must refrain from immediate punishment; compassion must be joined with justice so that the Almighty will grant an opportunity to those who have fallen to rise again.

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War of the weapons

US and Israeli military industries play dirty in the battle to win Poland's weapon contracts, reports Steve Rodan

anaging America's foreign policy is a full-time for Madeleinc Albright. It includes trips around the world, meetings with visiting foreign dignitaries and emergency calls to hotspots such as Cyprus and the Israeli-Palestinian arena. But in July, the US Secretary of State took time out for a littlepublicized meeting with Polish leaders over a bitterly-fought tender for the upgrade of Polish military helicopters. Albright was rooting for a Western consortium headed by Boeing North American Inc. Sbe told her Polish counterparts that she hoped the bidding was fair.

Boeing's competitor for the bid was an Israeli consortium, comprising Elbit Systems Ltd., Rafael Israel Armament Wasser Israel Armameot Weapons Authority and El-Op Electro-**Optics** Industries.

Focusing on Poland's request for US aid and an invitation to joint NATO, Albright suggested she wanted something in return, in a message reminiscent of something she had told the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations several weeks earlier: "Our negotiators will seek trade agreements that help create new American jobs."

"And I will personally make the point to other governments that if their countries want to sell in our. backyard, they had better allow America to do business in theirs," she added.

The secretary's words startled the Poles. They delayed a decision about the deal, but eventually stuck to their original intention. Last week, the outgoing Polish government announced it was awarding the contract to the Israelis. The deal, estimated to be worth at least \$650 million, was to upgrade Poland's fleet of Huzar military helicopters.

The competition over the contract pointed to some new rules emerging in US relations with its allies. Despite the excellent state of US-Israeli ties, the nations have become fierce competitors in the defense marketplace. Some analysts predict that the rivalry will intensify.

This is the second big contract that US defense companies lost to Israel," Reuven Pedatzur, director of the Galili Center for Strategy and National Security, says. "US defense executives are increasingly complaining that Washington gives Israel \$3 billion a year and then Israel competes with them for contracts with American



Will the Americans try to pressure Poland to cancel the huge helicopter contract it awarded Israel? (David Rubinger)

by DOSH

allies." The US pressure on Poland to award the contract to Boeing never let up after Albright's visit. US officials repeatedly urged Warsaw not to forget that the to be rejected. "The US pulled out all the stops," a defeose executive Clinton administration was lobbying Congress for aid and trade involved in the deal says. credits. In September, British and US diplomats in Warsaw argued "The pressure on Poland was

tremendous and the tactics used with Polish officials that they should choose a NATO supplier by the competitors did not observe any rules of fair play," for a military upgrade that would meet alliance standards. That Pedaizur says. But the Poles held firm and meant the Israeli bid would have

granted Israel the entire contract. against all the predictions of Western and US diplomats.

According to the agreement signed by Defense Ministry director-general Ilan Biran and his Polish counterpart last week, the Isracii consortium will upgrade the Huzars and fit them with advanced anti-tank missiles. Boeing will not have any part in the project.

"The agreement is for the cotire project and includes all the parameters," a defeose official says. "From our point of view, the mat-ter is concluded."

The sagn began in 1994 when Poland decided to produce 40 combat belicopters a year, starting io 1999, and to opgrade the Polish-made Huzars.

Helicopter manofacturing had been Poland's field of expertise duriog the Warsaw Pact era. During the Cold War It provided more than 5,000 such aircraft to East Bloc nations, But Poland's financial woes later led Warsaw to abandon its own fleet and today only 30 MI-24 helicopters are considered operational.

After deciding to equip its Huzars with an advanced antitank missile, the Poles issued a tender and invited Western

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Friends indeed

public funds, he's very generous with his own, said lawyer Michael Fox, chairman of the Israel Friends of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, speaking of his former partner Vaacov Neeman at the fifth annual Steinsaltz tribute dinner at the Sheraton Plaza, Jerusalem, Fox then went on to describe the liberal personal philanthropy of the finance minister. Neeman for his part, speaking on his own behalf and that of his wife, Hadassah, publicly thanked Fox and his wife, Sheila, for the unconditional friendship which they had demonstrated over the past 26 vears. In an emotional address Neeman, in an oblique reference m the courtroom cloud which had threatened his reputation, repeatedly expressed apprecia-tion to the Foxes for their support, their camaradenie, and their

s miserly as he is with ming. Now that Olment has been acquitted of fraud charges, Baram's chances are somewhat slimmer. Labor, anticipating that Koor CEO Benjamin Gaon might find himself at leisure. after the Claridge takeover of the conglomerate, had considered Gaon a likely candidate in the event that Baram might decline to run. But since fears for Gaon's. job situation were unfounded. Labor may have to look elsewhere. Meanwhile Gaon's younger brother, Yehoram Gaon, who holds the city's arts and culture portfolio, has indicated that he will be running for mayor even though he is milke-ly to win. It would have been cresting to see if he would have continued with that intention if big brother Benny were also in the race. Guess we won't find out this century.

By GREER FAY CAMEMAN



Uzi Baram (left) and Yeroham Gaon: Up for the mayoral spot

friendship during the most diffi-cult of times. Adin Steinsaltz commented in response that it is customary to say good things (about other people) quietly and to vent anger aloud.

PRIOR to Neeman's unexpected outpouring, the largely religiously observant audience was pleasantly surprised by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who in an off-the-cuff address, covered a wide range of religious topics and quoted many religious sources. Some cynics claimed that Mordechai had made an early election campaign start, but none could fault anything he'd said.

MANY a mother with a young marriageable daughter had ber eve on Jonathan Leibler, the good-looking, personable, bom-Naomi and Isi Leibler of Melbourne and Jerusalem. But the beautiful Naomi Maurer, daughter of Cecile and Ari Maurer formeny of Beigium and now of Jerusaican, captured his heart without any maternal intervention. The long arm of coincidence has delighted Rachel Leibler, grandmother of the prospective groom, who is also of Belgian packercand. She discovered that she and the Maurers have so many friends in common, they almost feel like old friends themselves. Relatives and friends of both families attended a reception this week hosted by the Leiblers to toast the happiness of the young cou-

(Yisrael Hadari/ Efraim Kilsbrok) IT never hurts to have another profession to fall back on. New York actor Mark Bellows, who flew in for the holidays to spend some time in Jerusalem with his grandmother Nina Bellows, is

also a practicing lawyer. A handsome bachelor with a smile just made for toothpaste commercials, Bellows, who stars in the critically acclaimed new movie Rapscallions, was reluc-tant to say much about his acting career, explaining that it's a wellknown fact in Hollywood and New York that any actor who shoots off his mouth about what he's done is usually out of work.

additional sobriquet of Peace Month. October 6 witnessed the commemoration of the assassination of Egyptian president

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nations to participate.

Soon, two offers were under consideration, one from Rafael. which offered the NI-D missile. The other was from the French-Corman Euromissie company, which offened the OT1-3 air-toground anti-tank weapon system. The NT-D soon became the darling of the Polish military. The missile was of the fire-and-forget type, allowing a helicopter to launch the projectile and then quickly get out of harm's way. The missile has a television camera that allows the helicopter crew to follow and ensure that it hit its target.

Rafael wasn't alone in the contract. Israel offered to upgrade the Huzar with advanced avionics and fire-control and targeting systems, that would be conducted by Elbit and El-Op.

Enter Rockwell International Corp. In early 1996, the US company decided to enter the bidding and offered its AGM-114 missile, called Hellfire. Unlike the NT-D, the Hellfire was proven in combat over the last 20 years and e staple of the Israeli Air Force. Soon there were lobbies in

Warsaw for both Rafael and Rockwell.

Rockwell supporters stressed that the Hellfire meets NATO standards. But Rafael enthusiasts in Poland argued that the NT-D was state-of-the-art and cheaper than Hellfire.

Defense executives recall the biggest difference was that Israel was willing to provide NT-D technology. The Pentagon would not do the same for the Hellfim By January 1997, the Poles were ready to decide. Polish Defense Minister Stanislaw Dobrzanski arrived in Israel and observed a test of the NT-D. He told The Jerusalem Post in an interview that the Rafael was the only offer being considered. But he added that the contract was being divided. One contract would go for the missile and the other for the upgrade of the

Huzar. Elbit, El-Op sod Rockwell cootinued battling it out for the Huzar project. By this time, Rockwell

was merging with Boeing. The US lobby stepped up the pressure. Defeose executives say that Boeing plants and potential subcontractors were getting in touch with Congressional reprecotatives. The message was clear: If we tose the contract, that means a loss of jobs.

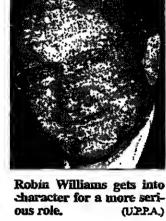
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IT'S A tradition with fund raiser par excellence Raya Jaglom, the honorary president of World WIZO, to return home after a protracted stay abroad with contributions for some of the many organizations and institutions with which she is associated, This homecoming was oo exception. Jaglom, who has just spent three months with her husband, Joseph (he lives in Geneva), arrived in Israel last week with donations valued at around \$300,000, to be disbursed to the WIZO Parents' Home, the Hebrew University, two homes for the blind, Shenkar College, and B'nai B'rith.

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MAKING her acting debut on October 27 is Sharon Shapiro, who will play the part of the beautiful Helena in the bilingual production of A Midsummer Night's Dream to be staged by The Sharon Players in conjunction with the Ra'anana Theater Group and the Ra'anana Youth Theater. The mother of six children aged 5 to 15, Shapiro, when asked by one of her brood m define her role, responded, "I'm e lover!" Not quite in character for a religious mom - but considering that it's only make-believe, it's an interesting diversion.

LABOR MK Uzi Baram is expected to announce next week whether or not he will run. against incumbent Ehud Olimert in Jerusalem's mayoral election race. Baram has been quoted several times as saying that he would not am unless ne stood a very good chance of win-



(UPPA) Anwar Sadat, the first Arab leader to enter into a peace treaty with Israel. This week saw the official inauguration of the Peres Center for Peace. And later in the month On the Brink of Peace, a new television documentary examining the roller coaster history of the Middle East peace process, will premiere in New

York. Written, directed and produced by Alan Rosenthal, a Hebrew University professor of communications, the production features former Israel foreign. minister Abba Eban as host. This is the fifth film on which the two have collaborated. On the Brink of Peace, which was made for WNET Channel 13 in New York, will make its US Public Television debut on October 28.

USUALLY frenetic funnyman Robin Williams was in Poland for a much more serious role in the Holocaust-based film Jacob the Liar, the story of how a Jew in the Lodz ghetto tried to save a young girl from the Nazis. Shooting on location in Lodz, Williams and other members of the cast discovered that despite the fact that antisemitism is outlawed under Poland's new constitution, it still exists. Scrawled across the wall of the Lodz synagogue was the crude message Jews go back to Auschwitz." This may have inspired Williams and others on the set to attend Kol Nidrei services at the synagogue. Alternately, they may have done it anyway to get more into the mood of the movie. Then again, some of the people were Jowish and glad of the opportunity to be able to join some 30 regular congregants.

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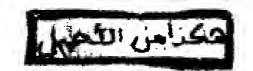
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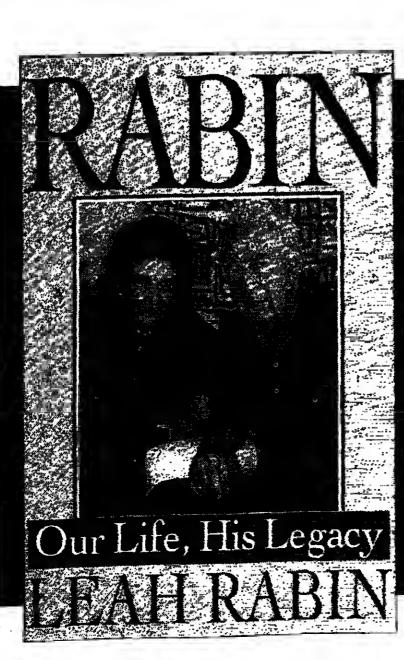
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Indians knot Series at 2 in 'Winter Wonderland'

Alomar sparks Tribe to 10-3 victory in Game 4; ninth-inning defensive lapses give Marlins 14 - 11 Game 3 win

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CLEVELAND (AP) - This World Series game had all the elements: Snow, wind, record cold and another big night by Sandy Alomar.

On an evening when snow flurries fell at Jacobs Field, Manny Ramirez and Matt Williams homered as Cleveland beat the Florida Marlins 10-3, evening the Series at two wins each.

Alomar had three of the Indians' 15 hits and drove in three runs, ensuring the Series will return to Miami tomorrow.

It will surely be warmer at Pro Player Stadium than in Cleveland. The 38 ° F at the start made it the coldest since World Series temperatures have been recorded since 1975, and snow fell for the first time in the Fall Classie since Game 1 in 1979 at Baltimore. The weather, though, had little

impact on this game. Instead, the Indians took a 6-0 lead after three innings and were never threatened. Jaret Wright outpitched Tony Saunders in a matchop of rookie starters as the Indians won before a crowd of 44.877.

Game 5 was slated for last night. Orel Hershiser was scheduled to start for the Indians against rookie Livan Hernandez in a rematch of Game 1, won by Florida.

Despite all the Indians' hits, Marquis Grissom had oone. He went 0-for-4 and ended his 15game hitting streak, two short of the World Series record held by Hank Baner,

Wright, 21, improved to 3-0 in the postseason. He gave up three runs and five hits in six innings and is now 9-0 when pitching after an Indians' loss - not bad for someone who started the year in the minor leagues.

The unusual weather was the focus before the game. The Indians took batting practice in snow showers as the stadium sound system played Winter Wonderland and Jingle Bell Rock among others.

The snow did oot seem to affect play, however. It was nothing like Game 3, when the blustery conditions contributed to 17 walks and six errors in Florida's wacky 14-11 victory.

The Indians scored in the first inning for the fourth straight game. Saunders struck out leadoff batter Bip Roberts, but it was all downhill for the young lefty after that.

Omar Vizquel singled and Ramirez followed by going the opposite way for his fourth home run of the postseason, a drive into the right-field stands.

The crowd got another chance to let loose moments later when Matt Williams singled with two outs and

Ramirez drew a leadoff walk and moved up on Saunders' poor piekoff attempt. David Justice got an infield single that shortstop Edgar Renteria threw away when his back foot slipped on the dirt, and Alomar added an RBI single. Rookie Antonio Alfonseca relieved with the bases loaded and no outs. Tony Fernandez hit an RBI single that made it 6-0, but Alfonseca retired the next three batters without any more damage. Alfonseca, who replaced injured

Saunders.

Alex Fernandez on Florida's roster for the Series, pitched three scoreless innings.

Jim Eisenreich, whose home rum began Florida's rally from a 7-3 deficit in Game 3, hit an RBI single in the fourth that made it 6-1. Only a nice stop in the hole by

a two-run homer in the sixth as open the floodgates as Florida Florida closed to 6-3. It was his second home run of the Series.

Eisenreich followed with a single and, as the fans began to grow anxions, the Indians caught a break when Johnson hit a line drive that first baseman Jim Thome caoght, Eisenreich was trapped off the bag, and he and Thome did a little dance before the tag was applied to complete an inning-ending double play. The Indians added a run in the

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sixth on a bases-loaded grounder by Alomar off Ed Vosberg.

Game 4 Florida 000 102 000-36 2 Geveland, Ramirez (2), MaWilliams (1).

won on Tuesday.

"Tonight both teams out-uglied each other," said Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove. "This was about as ugly a game as you've ever seen

The Marlins also committed three errors, but the Indians' all came in a nightmarish top of the ninth as Florida scored seven runs to bust open a 7-7 game.

The 25 total runs were second only to the all-time standard for World Series ugliness, the 15-14 Game 4 in 1993 between the Toronto Blue Jays and Philadelphia Phillies. This game

WORLD SERIES Saturday: Florida 7, Cleveland 4 Sanday: Cleveland 6, Florida 1 Honda HL Cen Wednesday: Cleveland 10, Florida 3, series tied 2-2 Last night: Rarida (Hernandez 12-3) at Cereland (Reshiser 14-7) Tomorrow: Cereland at Horida Sunday: Cleveland at Florida, if necessary

lasted 4 hours, 12 minutes, two streak. He has hit in all 15 World minotes shy of that game's record for a nine-inning contest.

All the World Series records equaled in the game were negative ones: Cleveland's three errors in one inning (done six times previously), Indian starter Charles Nagy's three straight walks in the third (done six times before) and Florida starter Al Leiter's four walks in the fourth (done seven times before).

Gary Sheffield had five runs batted in for Florida, one short of the six RBI by the New York Yankees' Bobby Richardson in 1960.

"J think it was a combination of him and our mistakes," Hargrove said of the performance by Sheffield, who went 3 for 5 with a bome run and scored twice.

Series games he has played.

By the time 3 2/3 innings had passed, every player in the Cleveland lineup had gotten on base by hit, walk or error, but Florida wound op outhitting the Indians 16-10. Both teams left. nine men on base.

Neither starter figured, in the decision after both suffered rocky ontings. Nagy gave up five runs on six hits with four walks and five strikeouts.

He yielded three home runs - solo shots by Sheffield and Daulton and Jim Eisenreich's two-run blast in the sixth that brought the Marlins to within 7-5 after Cleveland led 7-3 through five innings.

Leiter yielded seven runs, four of them camed, on six hits, including Thome's two-run homer, and

relief. Erie Plunk, the fifth of seven Cleveland pitchers, took the loss, yielding four runs on two hits and two walks in two-thirds of an inning.

The top of the ninth deserved a mini-linescore of its own: 7 runs, four hits (by Daulton, Charles Johnson, Sheffield and Bonilla), 3 errors (by Plunk, Grissom and Fernandez), 1 left on base and a wild pitch (by closer Jose Mesa). Eleven Marlins batted in the inning to take the score from 7-7 to 14-7.

Fernandez had a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth, Grissom had an RBI single and Roberts had a two-run double for Cleveland, but even that was not enough.

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HOOK SLIDE - Indians' Matt Williams slides by Martins catcher Charles Johnson's attempted tag in the first inning of Game 4. Williams scored from first on Sandy Alomar's double.



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scored on Alomar's double, making a neat hook slide to avoid catcher Charles Johnson's swipe tag.

Florida, which committed half of the six errors in Tuesday night's from getting more. game, made two wild throws in a three-run third that finished effects from a flu bog when he hit

Vizquel, who won his fifth Gold Glove as the American League's best fielding shortstop earlier in the day, prevented the Marlins Moises Alou showed no ill

Game Three Marlins 14, Indians 11

Fittingly, Bobby Bonilla, Darren Daulton and Clifford Floyd scored on errors in the ninth inning to

"Gary came up big tonight, obviously," said Florida manager Jim six walks in just 4 2/3 immings. He Leyland, who also called a was hurt by the three errors - one Sheffield catch in right on a screaming Jim Thome liner "a dandy."

had two hits, extending his remarkable World Series hitting win for one inning of scoreless

of them his own on a grounder by Bip Roberts, the first batter he Cleveland's Marquis Grissom faced, and two by Bonilla at third. Reliever Dennis Cook got the

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Griffey wins 8th Gold Glove Award

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Seattle Mariners center fielder Keo Griffey Jr, who dazzled fans all season with his home run hitting, Wednesday was rewarded for fielding excellence when be received his eighth consecutive American League Gold Glove Award.

Griffey's eight Gold Gloves matched him with Dwight Evans and Paul Blair for second best all-time in his league, trailing only Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline.

Atlanta Braves pitcher Greg Maddux also won his eighth successive Gold Glove Award in the National League.

Three players appearing in the 1997 World Series received Gold Gloves.

Cleveland Indians shortstop Omar Vizquel and third baseman Matt Williams were honored for fielding excellence in the AL in voting by managers and coaches. It was the fifth Gold Glove for Vizquel and fourth for Williams, who had previously won in the NL with San Francisco.

Florida Marlins catcher Charles Johnson was acknowledged for the third time.

Joining Griffey in the outfield for the AL were first-time winners Jim Edmonds of the Anaheim Angela and Bernie Williams of the New York Yankees.

San Francisco Giants left fielder Barry Bonds was honored for the seventh time in the NL. Raul Moodesi of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Larry Walker of the Colorado Rockies joined Bonds in the NL outfield.

Mike Mussina of the Baltimore Orioles was named the best fielding pitcher in the AL, with Ivan Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers winning his sixth consecutive Gold Glove at catcher.

Baltimore Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro and Minnesota Twios second baseman Chuck Knoblauch complete the AL infield.

San Francisco first baseman J.T. Snow won for the first time as a National Leaguer after earning a pair with Anaheim.

Second baseman Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros, San Diego Padres third baseman Ken Caminiti and New York Mets shortstop Rey Ordonez were the other National League infield Gold Glove winners.

two power-play goals to lead the Buffalo Sabres to a 4-1 victory over the Calgary Flames on Wednesday night.

Buffalo goaltender Dominik Hasek, last season's most valuable player in the NHL, stopped 17 shots in his first win since October 9 in a game against Washington.

Calgary's Rick Tabaracci also made 17 saves, but was victimized for three goals in six powerplay shots.

Darryl Shannon and Brad May also scored for Buffalo. Jason Dawe assisted oo both Holzinger goals. James Patrick scored for Calgary.

Buffalo (3-5-3) snapped a four-game winless streak. Calgary lost its second straight game, and is 1-6-2 so far this season.

Hurricanes 4, Blues 3 Host Carolina, off to the franchise's worst start ever, beat surging St. Louis with two sec-ond-period goals 48 seconds apart.

The Hurricanes, who came into the game with a 1-7-2 record and a slumping offense, fell behind 2-1 before rallying with a second-period flurry. That helped break the Blues' eightgame unbeaten streak (7-0-1).

Defenseman Kevin Haller scored his first goal of the season to tie the score. Nelson Emerson gave the Hurricanes a lead they never lost 48 seconds later with a wraparound shot. Each team scored in the third period, but the Hurricanes hung on to hand the NHL leader in points its first loss since a season-opening defeat to Buffalo.

Canadiens 3, Panthers 0

Jocelyn Thibault stopped 26 shots to record his sixth career shutout, leading Montreal to its

BUFFALO (AP) - Brian Holzinger scored first bome victory of the season.

Thibault, in his third start and fourth appearance this season, stopped 14 third-period shots and recorded his first shutout as Montreal

Holzinger powers Sabres past Calgary

Gretzky's wife hospitalized after freak injury at hockey game

Janet Gretzky, wile of New York Rangers star Wayne Gretzky, was hospitalized after she was hiprred while watching a hockey gime at Mariists Square Garden. A spoleceman for St. Luka's-Roosevelt Hospital and size would only be held overnight after antiering a mild concuration. The incident occurred Watnessiay night during a gause, between the Rangers and the Bischhawks, which Chicago wos 1-0, when a pune of Plexights from the rink's addeboards was knocked loose by a player and hit her in the head.

the head. Janet Gretzky was sitting in the first row near center ice when Rangers delemannan Ult-Samuelsson checked: Chicago's Sergel Krivokrasov into the bounds, intocking the chick Plenight pure onto her. First eid workers rushed to Janet Gretzky's aid: After about 10 minutes, they carried her-out on a strutchet. She appeared to be uncon-belous right after the blow but regained con-sciousness as the was being removed from the attent.

Aretzky was visibly upset after slatting over to check on his wife. After a dalay of 10 min-utes, he finished the game and quickly left for the hispital.

avoided matching its worst home start since the 1941-42 season. The Canadiens opened that season with an 0-4-1 record.

Martin Rucinsky scored a goal and added an assist, and Saku Koivu and Patrice Brischois also scored for Montreal, which ended a fourgame winless streak at home. Senators 6, Maple Leafs 2

Shawn McEachern scored three goals and linemate Alexei Yashin added two as Ottawa won on the road

The victory moved Ottawa (6-2-2) back into a first-place tie with the idle Boston Bruins in the Northeast Division. The Senators have won four straight games while Toronto slipped to 2-6-1 and is winless in four home games this season.

Outawa broke open the game in the secon period when McEachern scored a pair of goo to break a 1-1 tie. Three minutes later, Yash put a shot up high past Toronto goaltend Glenn Healy to make it 4-1.

Avalanche 4, Capitals 3 Wade Belak scored his first NHL goal wi 72 seconds remaining, lifting Colorado to home win.

The 100th consecutive sellout crowd 16,061 at McNichols Arena erupted who Adam Deadmarsh slid the puck from the let side of the ice to the opposite post, where Belak fought off a defender long enough to beat goaltender Olaf Kolzig from point-blank range.

It was the first loss of the season for Kolzik (6-1), who led the NHL with a .932 saves percentage while subbing for injured Bill Ranford. Peter Bondra, Michal Pivonka and Adam Oates scored goals as Washington took leads of 1-0 after one period and 3-1 after two.

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Tuesday's results: Philadelphia 7, Tampa Bay I; Vancouver 5, Dallas I; Boston 2, Edmontoe I; Anaheim 4, Phoenix 3; Los Angeles 3, KY Islanders 2

Knicks deal for Celtics' Mills

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The New York Knicks Wednesday shipped four players to the Boston Celtics in exchange for small forward Chris Mills and two future second round draft picks.

The Celtics acquired forwards Walter McCarty Dontae' Jones and John Thomas, all first round draft picks, and backup point guard Scott Brooks. The Knieks had been in the market for an experi-

enced small forward to share playing time with Larry Johnson, and Mills seemed to fit the bill.

"He will provide us with great depth at the small forward and the off-guard positions," said Knicks president Emie Grunfeld. "He's a young veteran who is a perfect fit for our club."

The 6-foot-6 Mills, who averaged 13.4 points and 6.2 rebounds last season, was signed by the Celtics in August as a free agent after spending four seasons with Cleveland. New Boston coach Rick Pitino has been remaking

a Celtics team coming off a franchise-worst 15-67 season, and apparently decided Mills was worth more on the trading blocks. Wednesday's deal reunites Pitino with McCarty,

who was a member of Pitino's 1996 national college championship team at Kentucky.

Jones, the 21st overall selection in 1996, spent last year on the injured list while rehabilitating from foot surgery.

Australian cricketers angered by ACB, threaten strike

Mcanwbile, SYDNEY (AP) - Australia's cricketers, angered by a quick dismissal in pay negotiations with the national hody, are reported to be considering an option, said there was undiboycotts of one-day interna-

terday that boycotts of ooe-day games were considered an ideal bargaining tool by the players becaose of the high financial rewards that go to the Australian Cricket Board for hosting them.

Australian Cricketers' Association president Tim May, who said Wednesday that strikes were minished support for the players' proposals rejected by the ACB.

players Shane Warne and Steve Waugh. "There is a feeling of deep

anger at the walkout by the ACB at the outset of yesterday's meeting and the board's refusal to even discuss the players' proposals," the statement said.

The union proposals, set out in a 25-page document, include contracts for all state players and power sharing at board

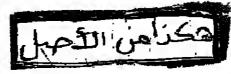
ACB negotiators walked out

of a meeting on the proposals after rejecting them in a 30-Second statement 00 Wednesday.

"By not being prepared to discuss the players' proposals, the ACB as their employer has brought about a serious deterioration in the relationship between the players and the ACB," May said.

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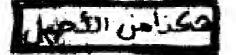


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"Without any doubt the players' resolve to have their proposals fairly dealt with by the

ACB has intensified," May said in a statement released





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SPORTS

Olympiakos crushes Maccabi 87-73

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Olympiakos demonstrated why it is a strong candidate to become the first team in seven seasons to repeat as European champions. convincingly defeating Maccabi Tel Aviv 87-73 at Yad Eliahu in the EuroLeague last night.

The Greek club improved its record to 5-0 in Group A by snapping Maccabi's eight-game home winning streak and capturing its eight straight contest on the road. including its three away contests this season.

Arturas Karnisovas, who haunted Maccabi while in a Barcelona uniform, did it again for his new team, scoring 29 points to lead all players and help hand Maccabi its worst home defeat since Tracer Milan thrashed the blue-and-yellow hy 20 points in the 1986/87 season.

But he had plenty of help from his disciplined teammates, who always seemed to find an answer to whatever Maccabi threw at it.

Olympiakos, which entered the game with a 49.3 percent accuracy rate from three-point range, bettered itself on that impressive figure hy shooting an outstanding 12-17 (70.5%) from behind the arc last night, including 5-6 from brilliant point guard Micbael Hawkins

And the Greek defense, which has been the trademark of the team's success, held the Israelis to only 32 second-half points after finishing the first period with a 43-41 advantage.

Maccabi, which dropped its third consecutive game to fall to 2-3 in the group, finds itself in a very difficult situation midway through the first stage of the league if it wants to be one of the top three teams to play the bottom three clubs of

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Group B in the second stage. Tel Aviv is in fourth place, despite playing three of its games at home, and has only beaten the two teams under it in the stand-Maccahi held its own in the first half, staying close to the defending

champions despite 21 points from Kamisovas.

Maccabi, which held a 14-6 rebounding margin at the break, controlled the inside well with eight points in the paint from center Rashard Griffith and had both Oded Katash and Doron Sheffer shooting accurately from outside. But in the second period, after Griffith tied the score 20 seconds into the half at 43-43, Olympiakos went on a 12-3 tear to build up a nine-point advantage five minutes

into the half. From that point, Maccabi was unable to play catch-up, as the Greek defensive intensity played havoc on the home team.

Griffith was beld in check in the half after his opening basket and Katash, who was 4-8 from the field and 8-8 from the free-throw line in the first half, went only 2-7 from the field without a free-throw

attempt in the second. Even 12 second-half points from a rejuvenated Randy White, who played with four fouls the entire half after committing a silly foul in

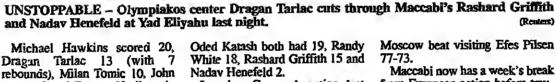
his own backcourt with two seconds left in the first period, was not enough.

Maccabi did try to come back several times, most notably on the outside shooting of Doron Sheffer, who closed the gap to 74-70 with his second three-pointer of the half with just under six minutes to

play. But, as was the pattern the entire night, Olympiakos immediately responded with a 10-1 run to close off any bopes of an Israeli come-

back. The Greeks also took control of the boards, out-rebounding Maccabi 16-8 in the second peri-

Karnisovas was simply outstanding the entire evening, hitting on 8-10 from the field and 11-12 from the free-throw line for 29 points while pulling down 7 rebounds.



Rogers 9 and Dussan Voulktsevic In other Group A action last night, Real Madrid beat Limoges For Maccabi, Doron Sheffer and in France 85-71 and CSKA

Moscow beat visiting Efes Pilsen 77-73.

> from European action before traveling to France on November 6 to take on Limoges

manned Jerusalem squad to overcome. Kedar has to be pleased with the energy his.

club showed in clawing its way back against one

of the perennial powerhouses of Europe. But be

has to be concerned by their continued inability

to hit anything from outside in Europe, making it

Maccabi now has a week's break

STUTTGART (Reuters) - US Open champion Patrick Rafter Barcelona survives late Hapoel comeback, 88-81 stormed back from a set down to post a third- round win over David

Prinosil and avoid following world No. 1 Pete Sampras out of the Stuttgart Open yesterday. Third seed Rafter, seeing his first action after a first-round bye and a second-round walkover, got off to a

sluggish start but recovered in stun-

ning fashion, overwhelming his

85th-ranked German opponent 3-6

record against Sampras, having lost just once to the American in their last five meetings stretching back to 1993

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SPORTS

in brief

Women's 5,000m record falls again in China

The 20-year-old Jiang clocked 14:28.09 in the final at the

the previous record of 14:36.45 set by Fernanda Ribeiro of

China National Games.

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who clocked 14:31.27 on Tuesday.

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SHANGHAI (Reuters) - China's Jiang Bo sliced another three seconds off the women's 5,000 meters world record yesterday, the

second time in a week a new mark had been set in the event at the

national games, beating the mark set by team mate Dong Yanmet

Jiang's time of 14:31.30 in Tuesday's heats had also been inside

Israeli pair wins Metulla ice skating dance title

Israel's Galit Chait and Sergei Sakanovsky won the dance title at Skate Israel 1997 at Metulla yesterday. Their win assures them

a trip to the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan in February 1998.

Israeli Michael Shmerkin finished second in the men's program.

Wales, Scotland may figure in England World Cup bid

LONDON (Reuters) - England's bid to stage the 2006 World

Cup finals could involve some matches being played in Wales

and Scotland, campaign director Alec McGivan said yesterday.

McGivan stressed the idea could only develop with FIFA's

approval but he said: "This is purely something we are consider-

and Cardiff and they could be part of our plans to help stage the

the World Cup in nine years' time, with Germany, South Africa,

Morocco, Argentina and Brazil also in the hunt.

Warwickshire: Lara definitely coming

"We will have first class stadiums on our doorstep in Glasgow

England are among a number of countries considering a hid for

BIRMINGHAM (AP) - Warwickshire said yesterday they have

received confirmation from record-breaking West Indies batsman

Brian Lara that he intends to play for the English county cricket

Chief executive Dennis Amiss secured the necessary clarifica-

Rafter wins after

Sampras beaten

tion after speaking to Lara as be traveled with the West Indies

Seeing his first action since winning the Grand Slam Cup in September, Sampras refused; to blame the loss on his lack of court time or any lingering affects from a shoulder injury which forced him out of the Swiss indoor toumament

the day after his victory. "I felt fine, I just have to be a little



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Relying almost exclusively on Radisav Curcic and Kenny Williams for scoring, except for brief periods in the second half, Jerusalem fell to a deeper, better shooting Catalan squad as Happel's late comeback fell short.

EuroLeague record to 1-4.

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

It's tough winning a basketball game playing

two against five, which is pretty much why

Happel Jenusalem lost at home to Barcelona last.

night, 88-81, dropping the capital squad's

When Adi Gordon stole the ball and fed Motti Daniel for a lay-up with just under a minute and a half left in the game, it looked like Jerusalem would close what had been an 11-point secondhalf gap to just four. But Daniel was grabbed by . a Spanish defender on a flagrant foul, sending him to the line, and giving Jerusalem another DOSSESSIOL However, Daniel hit only one of the two free

throws. making it just 84-79. Kenny Williams grabbed the offensive rebound and suffed it home, cutting the lead to 84-81 and sending the crowd of 3,000 plus into a dance that rivaled some seen earlier in the day during Simhat Torah celebrations.

Unfortunately, Williams, like Daniel, couldn't nail the free throw. When Xavier Fernandez buried a three-pointer seconds later, it was all over for Hapoel, and even attempts to reduce the margin of defeat proved fruitless.

The second-half comeback shouldn't have been necessary based on Hapoel's first half performance. Williams was remarkable, scoring 16



NOW WAY THROUGH - Barcelona's Jerrod Mustaf prevents Kenny Williams from scoring during action at Malha last night. (Reuters)

ach ailment. Coach Gadi Kedar's team also turned the ball only once, an impressive statistic against the defensively tough Spaniards.

of his game-high 25 points and adding 10

rebounds in an attempt to change management's

Jerusalem out-rebounded the taller Spanish

squad, thanks partially to the many minutes

Barcelona's Jerrod Mustaf sat out with a stom-

recent thoughts about replacing him.

Radisav Curcic added 10 and Yariv Yatzkan provided a spark off the bench as Jerusalem recovered from a 25-17 deficit to lead 44-39, thanks largely in a late three-pointer by Adi Gordon.

Unfortunately, that was Gordon's only basket of the night as he once again failed to produce in EuroLeague play. leaving even Jerusalem fans calling for him to be benched.

The second half saw Barcelona go to the boards with much more tenacity. Coupled with five three-pointers in the half, two by Fernandez, the Spaniards controlled the boards and had a 69-60 lead when Fernandez clicked from beyond the arc with 9:46 to play.

With Jerusalem's offense sputtering badly and Williams unsuccessfully trying to save the day by himself, Kedar kept Doron Shefa on the bench way too long. When Shefa finally saw some playing time, with 7:53 left, he helped key Jerusalem's late run, coupling with Motti Daniel to reduce the Spanish advantage to 80-74 with

just under three minutes left. But Mustaf, who had 10 crucial second-half points, hit a key turnaround jumper to up Barcelona's lead to 84-76, too much for the out-

Diay.

Champions League results

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Group D.

easy for defenders to double or triple team Curcic and/or Williams.

Barcelona, in keeping with the tradition of Spanish clubs, showed it could win even without point guard Aleksandar Djordjevic or center Roberto Duenas. They placed six men in double figures, led by Spanish national team point guard Rafael Jofresa with 18, who hit four threes overall, a trio of them in the first half. The victory improved their record in 3-2 in EuroLeague play, and they look like almost certain contenders for one of the two top spots in Group C.

The loss sets up a meeting of two clubs out m avenge EuroLeague defeats when Jerusalem clashes with Maccabi Tel Aviv Sunday night at Malha.

In the other Group C games last night, host Kinder Bologna beat Ulker 94-64 and Partizan Belgrade defeated visiting Pau Orthez 86-72

EuroLeague Group C Kinder Bologna Barcelona Partizan Belgrade Pau-Orthez

three points behind Kiev.

Hapoel Jerusalem

6-2 6-1 to reach the quarter-finals. Victory left Rafter the highest remaining seed in the tournament following Sampras's 6-4 6-4 loss to 16th seed Richard Krajicek an hour carlier.

Having already eliminated crowd favorite Boris Becker, Krajicek continued his domination over Sampras with a no-nonsense 6-4 6-4 win. Krajicek, the 1996 Wimbledon champion, is one of only a handful

of players who can claim a winning

sharper," Sampras said. "I wasn't used to the speed, I haven't played a big server like that for some time. "I can't be too hard on myself, I'm not going to win every match."

Seventh seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia followed Sampras out of the tournament, losing 7-6 6-3 to ninth seed Chilean Marcelo Rios, while Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman, the 13th seed, booked his place in the quarter-finals with a 6-2 3-6 6-3 win over Britain's Tim Henman.

women and is fourth overall. Second

More sports news on Page 21

Plain sailing for Friedman

By HEATHER CHAIT

and 13th overall is Anat Kolodny, The coast looks clear for windwho placed second in this year's surfer Gal Friedman to earn his sixth world youth championships. In the 470-division, the Shental national title today in the 40th brothers. Nir and Ran, are in first championships being held at Sdot

Yam place with wins in four of their six. For Friedman, bronze medalist at sails. the Atlanta Olympics and the Eli Zuckerman and Saar Behr are European Championships earlier second with Udi Gal and Gidi Kliger this month in Spain, the event is third. essentially a warm-up for the world The women's team of Anat championships to be held in Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi, who Australia in December.

placed fifth in this year's world The absence of injured Amit Inbar, championships held in Tel Aviv, are Friedman's main rival, has made the in fifth place overall. In the 420-division and fighting sailing even smoother for Friedman. Friedman ended the first day in

for a place in the European Championships to be held in December in Italy are Amit Geva and Yaniv Yosef who lead Ninrod Nir and Elad Oz.

The last day's sails begin today at llam.

Parma beat defending champions Dortmund the second. A late reply by Henk Vos gave the 54,000 United fans the Olympic stadium was virtually over after 32 minutes after goals by third thanks to a first half goal by Wim Jonk, Newcastle and PSV are

LONDON (AP) - Parma edged defending European Cup holders Borussia Dortmund 1-0 to go top of their Champions League group Wednesday.

But three bigger names, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich and Manchester United, moved impressively closer to clinching quarterfinal places while a fourth, Barcelona, are virtually out.

A second half strike by Argentine forward Hernan Crespo provided Parma with their hardearned victory against a Dortmund team struggling in the Bundesliga but playing with more fire in Europe.

With seven points, the Serie A runners up top Group A with Dortmund a point behind. Sparta Prague are two points further back after a 3-0 victory over Turkey's Galatasaray, who are point-less and last

While Parma made a decisive move forward, Real Madrid, Annufantes (3, 147 Annufantes (3, 147 Annufantes (3, 147 Annuez Annuez (Juris Republic) 3 Galanziary (Jurkay) 0 (1-0) Annuez Main Slogt 30, För Galand 56, Junet (Urigin 87 Bed Galet Incode Main (G) 37, Hakan Banti (G) 67. Annuez Main Bayern Munich and Manchester United appear to be in overdrive. Carsten Jancker and Giovane Elber shot two goals apiece as Bayern crushed Paris Saint Germain 5-1 to make it three wins in a row. Turkey's Besiktas jumped into second place ahead of PSG by (C-1) Yanger Tangangan Hainel — Pani Lehales 32, Denis Jrain 72 pen. Egynning — Heak Wis 62. Annalmer: 52,1103 Stranger (Calculus Calculus) 3 (avinuus (Iraly) 3 (0-7) Gener Hermatics Di Fierb 34 beating last place IFK Goteborg 1-0 but Bayern leads by three with

three games to go. The same applies to Real Madrid which trounced Olympiakos 5-1 despite conceding an early goal and also have nine points from three games.

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After Nikos Dahitzas had silenced the Real fans, the record six-time cup winners hit back with two penalties by Croatian forward Davor Suker and more strikes by Fernando Morientes, Victor

Sanchez and Brazilian defender Roberto Carlos. Norway's Rosenborg downed FC

Porto 2-0 to stay second but three points behind. Manchester United converted

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only two chances against Feyenoord but could also have scored five or more. Paul Scholes fired the first in the

31st minute and a penalty by Irish international Dennis Irwin after a

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some tense late moments but the Reds should have been well ahead by then. Alex Ferguson's team also have a maximum nine from three games,

three more than Juventus, which won 1-0 at Slovakia's Kosice thanks to an early goal by his team. Alessandro Del Piero.

Barcelona seems to go from bad to worse.

Expected to be one of the leading title contenders, Lous van Gaal's team was outplayed 3-0 by Dinamo Kiev and has lost two games and ticci one.

The game before 100,000 fans in edged Newcastle 1-0 to move up to

Serhiy Rebrov and Yuriy Maximov.

Monaco jumped to the top of Group F after a 5-1 crushing of Barcelona had Dutch goalkeeper Ruud Hesp sent off and Yuriy Belgium's Lierse. Kalitvinstev added the third past Monaco overwhelmed the Belgians replacement Carlos Busquets to pour more misery on Van Gaal and with four goals in the second half.

The others came from Thierry Barcelona, perhaps significantly Henry, Scottish midfielder John one of the runners up allowed to Collins and Nigerian forward play this season in what is still

point and are six behind group leaders Kiev with three games to Dutch champion PSV Eindnoven

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Monaco, top on goal difference, is level on points with Bayer Levekusen, a 2-0 victor at Sporting Lisbon who slipped from first to third, two points behind the leaders.

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By HEATHER CHAIT

A second successive national title looks in store for Eyal Erlich today in the final of the Israel Tennis Championships at Hadar Yosef. Top-seeded Erlich, 150 in the ATP

Tour rankings, will play Harel Levy, 481. In the semi-finals yesterday, Erlich beat Noam Behr 7-6, 7-6 and Levy

defeated Lior Mor 7-6, 6-1. Three of Israel's top players, Eyal Ran, Oren Motevassel and Amir

toumament.

Hadad chose not to compete in the later.

Tomorrow, the semi-finals in the National League playoffs will see ASA Tel Aviv face Hapoel Lod and Elitzur Kochav Yair play Ramle top seeding to Hila Rosen. She will Sports Club.

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tennis championships final meet Nataly Cahana in today's final. In the semi-finals, Rosen beat last year's winner Limor Gabbai 6-1, 7-5 and Cahana ousted Tzippi Obziler

6-1, 6-1. The same foursome from the semi-finals were on court again for the women's doubles final yesterday

with Rosen and Cahana beating . Gabbai and Obziler 6-4, 6-3. The men's doubles title went to

Levy and Noam Okun who beat Nir Weigreen and Ofer Sela.

Today's women's final begins at 14:00, with the men starting an hour

The top local women's player, Anna Smashnova, was also absent due to commitments on the professional circuit in the US, leaving the

seventh place after being disqualified for an early start but he won all his three sails yesterday in take the lead. Tal Mochero is in second place. Seven times women champion Michal Hein leads among the Erlich, Levy in national

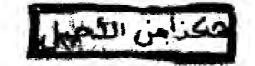
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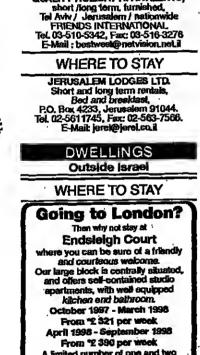
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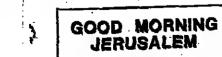


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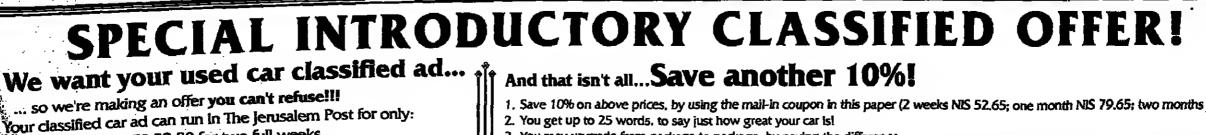
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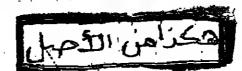
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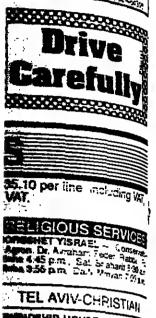
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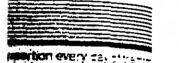
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Boeing bid was considered too

By June, Israeli defense execo-

tives thought the deal was back on

track. Some were so confident that

sources in the Israeli consortium

told The Jerusalem Post that

Poland had unofficially notified the

companies that they had won the

contract. The Post published the

claim the following day and the

Poles, days away from receiving an

invitation to join NATO, demanded

Poland was invited to join NATO

in July and US pressure regarding

the military deals did not let up.

Last month, The New York Times

reported that US diplomats had

rebuked Warsaw for not awarding

the contract to Boeing. Poland responded by suspending its deci-

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will be supplied to Poland and many systems will be produced "We want to confirm our appreciation that the Czech defense min-In an October 14 communique to istry has toward the Israeli defense the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, industries and the high level of where Elbit is traded, company their capability." the letter read. secretary Arieh Tal quoted a Polish The Czech Defense Ministry has government representative as saycontinued good relations with ing that "an agreement has been many of Israel's leading defense industries, including Rafael, Elhit signed between the Polish and Israeli governments that determines the framework of the imple-As an Elbit executive recalls, mentation of the helicopter project There was no question that this in Poland by the Israeli industries, rumor was spread by the competi-

including Elbit." The communique said that the process for preparing contracts hetween the Israeli and Polish industries will continue. "Should these contracts be validated, it is expected that the activities of Elbit Systems Ltd. in the framework of

the project of upgrading the heli-copter will be significant for the company," Tal said. "Along with this, the validation

of the commercial contracts between the industries is dependent. on the various approvals and per-

mits from various sources in the Polish government," he added. Some defense executives believe the contracts are not a done deal. They warn that Boeing has not given up. "It's still not closed," says Avraham Bar David, president of Tamuz Control Systems, which does business in former East Bloc nations.

"The new government still has to approve it. The Americans will still try to ruin the deal. I think it will take another month to clarify the matter. But if Israel does win, despite the US pressure it will have been a tremendous achievement." Pedatzur says he's concerned that the Israeli win might boomerang. His scenario is that US defense companies will lobby Congress for

a new law to restrict the export of advance weapons systems. "US industries will pressure Congress for such a law and this will certainly affect Israel, which does have US technology," Pedatzur says. "In addition, Congress and the [Clinton] Administration can place a lot more pressure on purchasing nations. This is a process that worries me."

National League soccer returns

By ORI LEWIS

National League soccer makes a comehack after a three-weekend layoff today and tomorrow, with all clubs now giving the domestic program their undivided attention.

None of Israel's representatives still has any interest in Europe, and with the national team no longer dreaming of a place at the World Cup finals in France next year, ils back to the staple of weekend matches. This will now be the true test

for upstarts Hapoel Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The two have stunned everybody by taking over the mantle of league leaders, now the hurden of proof is on them to show that it was not just an early-season flash in the pan.

The other clubs more regularly considered to have "leadership qualities" - Maccahi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Beersheba will also need to show that

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Cup Winners' and UEFA Cups, Gianluca Vialli thought he had seeo it all. Now he has.

Last night he weaved his way through a tangle of defenders legs in an Arctic blizzard to seore two late goals for Chelsea in a Cup Winners Cop 3-2 loss to upstart Tromso. Although his team lost, they

were goals that maintained his favored team's chances of winning the title. In a hizarre game 200 miles

Jerusalem, Petah Tikva; Ironi north of the Aretic Cirele, the Ashdod v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Ashdod; Maccabi Tel Aviv v. west London soccer aristocrats slithered to defeat but still will Maccahi Herzliya, National feel confident of beating the Stadium; Betar Jerusalem v. Norwegian part-timers on a green field at Stamford Bridge Hapoel Ashkelon, Teddy Stadium 15:30; Hapoel Haifa v. Hapoel Petah Tikva, Kiryat in two week's time. Eliezer 17:45; Ironi Rishon v.

On a sticky, snow-swept field, Tromso went 2-0 ahead

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staff. Then three goals came io the final six minutes.

Vialli hattled through to make it 2-1. Ole Morten Arst scored Tromso's third with Chelsea furious that it was short-handed and unable to get a substitute on the field, and then Vialli wriggled throngh again in the final minute for 3-

It was a thrilling end to a game that seemed unreal. Stuttgart and Roda FC look like making it to the quarterfinal a little more easily. Two goals each from strikers

Fredi Bobic and Jonathan Akpoborie gave Stuttgart a 4-0 win at Germinal Ekeren to give the Belgians little chance of gaining the last eight. And Garba Lawal and Van

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Houdt scored in each half as Roda JC scored an easy 2-0 victory at Slovenia's NK Primorje.

Dominque Aulanier scored twice as French division two team Nice managed a 2-2 tie with Slavia Prague. The Czechs, with home advantage and two away goals, will be favored to advance.

Daniel Lima and Brazilian striker Veridiano Marcelo netted the goals as AEK Athens downed Austria's Sturm Graz 2-0 and Zaza Dzhanashia headed Lokomotiv Moscow's winner in a 2-1 win over Turkey's Kocaelispor.

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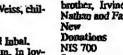
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In the first case of American demands for the return of a fugitive, the Soblen affair, in 1962, the attorney-general was carefully kept out of the picture. Dr. Robert Soblen jumped bail after conviction as a communist spy in the United States and, arriving in Israel on his brother's passport, sought to invoke the Law of the Return. At that time there was no extradition treaty with the United States. Without consulting the attorney-general, the minis-ter of justice ordered Soblen deported from Israel and handed over to FBI agents en route. Soblen's attempted suicide led to a forced landing in Britain. He died in detention, while still seeking to obtain a judicial determination of his right to refuge in Israel.

The second case involved Meyer Lansky, widely believed to be the financial brains of organized crime in the United States. In 1971, then in his 70s, he came to Israel seeking permanent residence, to avoid facing a minor tax-evasion charge. Despite Lansky's advanced age and his lack of prior convictions, the interior minister decided that Lansky had a criminal past that was likely to endanger the public peace. This decision was upheld in a highly questionable High Court judgment authored hy Chief Justice Agranat. A basic right under the Law of the Return was not given the same protection that Agranat had previously accorded freedom of the. press. The charge that Lansky's past was "likely to endanger the public peace" was not subjected to any variant of the clear and present danger test. Moreover, Agranat accepted

hearsay evidence, testimony before congressional committees, as the basis for his dubious finding. Lansky, still a devoted but disillu-

sioned Zionist, returned to his Florida home, where he was tried. and acquitted on the income tax evasion charge.

The present popular criticism of the attorney-general is disquicting. It is clearly misdirected, as the responsibility for requesting extra-dition is in the hands of the minister of justice. But, more than that, it indicates a breach in the public confidence that previously insulated the attorney-general from the vicissiindes of the political arena.

The attorney general should be trempted from the current mood of public cynicism. His job is the defense of the rule of law. He should be above having to defend himself.

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Congress releases hold on Israel aid

By HELLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - House foreign operations committee chairman Sonny Callahan on Wednesday released a hold on the first installment of Israel's assistance package, a \$75.6 million section of the overall \$1.2 billion in economic assistance .

Although both the House and Senate have passed foreign aid bills, reconciling the two has been beld up, in part, because of differing funding levels for Jordan. That matter was among the items to be considered during a House-Senate "conference" on the bill yesterday. The hold also occurred because of

anger expressed by House appropriations committee chairman Robert Livingston in the case of S., the 17-year-old Maryland resident seeking refuge in Israel from murder charges. But Livingston said he was placated by Israel's decision this week to allow extradition.

Callahan is determined not to exceed a \$5.4b. cap on aid to the Middle East. Israel and Egypt together receive more than \$5b. annually. The Senate bill would provide \$250m. to Jordan this year, while the House version contains \$175m. Callahan has stated that additional funds to Amman would have to come from the packages of the current recipients.

Callahan said that he removed the hold because "I believe we have

achieved general agreement on future funding levels for the Middle East which support American interests in the Middle East and safeguard all our friends and allies there, even as we protect American taxpayer dollars. This agreement enables us to move forward on the overall foreign aid appropriations bill so we can fund programs and activities vital to our nation's secu-

Callahan's spokesman Jo Bonner would not state what the agreement was, but said that Callahan "sees more clearly that other participants besides the US are willing to make sacrifices toward assisting Jordan." There was never any direct or indi-

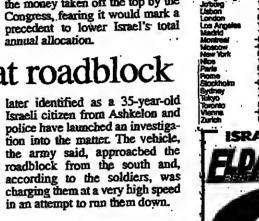
rect intention to penalize Israel. But we felt the hold was the best way to get everyone to the table. We're all in agreement that Jordan needs more istance. But [Callahan] was not willing to go back to the American people to increase it. Other countries e going to be participating to resolve this," Bonner said.

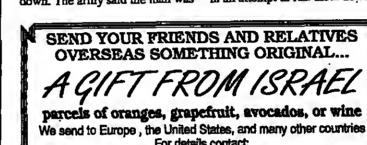
But Israeli embassy officials who deal with foreign aid said there are no US-Israel-Jordan-Egypt discussions on addressing where Jordan's funds will come from. Israel has already stated it is willing to transfer \$50 million to Jordan, but it is reluctant to have the money taken off the top by the Congress, fearing it would mark a precedent to lower Israel's total

Man killed at roadblock

By ARIEH O'SULLINAN

IDF soldiers manning a roadblock in the southern Gaza Strip on Wednesday riddled a car with automatic gunfire and mortally wounded its driver, who they claim was trying to run them down. The army said the man was annual allocation.





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Senior Hamas official Khaled Mashaal, left, welcomes women guests to a dinner to celebrate his recovery from a Mossad assassination attempt in Jordan last month and the freeing from an Israeli jail of Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin; to Mashaal's left is his predecessor, Musa Abu Marzook. The dinner was also attended by Jordan's chief of the royal court and leader of the senate.

Court rejects state inquiry into Mashaal Affair

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The High Court of Justice turned down a petition on Wednesday from Amitai, Citizens for Good Government, to establish a state commission of inquiry into the Mashaal Affair.

Only extreme and unusual circumstances would justify the intervention of the court in such a

matter, the court said in rejecting the petition. It is the government's prerogative not to set up any type of inquiry, the court noted. The court cited the precedent of

the Bar-On Affair where, during the summer, it had rejected sever-Israel's security services. al petitions calling for inquiry The court also turned down an commissions. alternative request in the petition There is currently a three-memthat two members of the commit-

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National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon will visit Amman next week, Israel Radio reported

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last night It will be the first visit by a highranking Israeli official since the Mashaal case was resolved.



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Like a beautiful woman cast up seemingly lifeless from the sea, the prostrate peace process was surrounded this week on Tel Aviv's shorefront by a host of well-wishers prepared to offer mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The aid given at the opening of the Peres Center for Peace at the Hilton Hotel was mostly mouth-to-car-two days of speeches by dozens of guests from around the world and the region who shared Shimon Peres' vision, however frayed by current realities, of a new Middle East.

The good news was that the victim's cyclids seemed to flicker, a sign of life induced not by any political breakthrough but by the optimism or at least dogged hope - that most of the distinguished participants managed to project despite the difficulties they readily acknowledged. Prof. Shimon Shamir, Israel's for-

mer ambassador to Jordan and Egypt, noted that the problem of Israel's integration into the region went beyond the hostility of governments and narrow intellectual strata in Arab countries and therefore could not be changed simply by demand-ing that the official line in those countries towards Israel become more civil. The main objective, he said, must be to "de-demonize" mutual perceptions.

As a starter, it was important to be able to differentiate among groups in the opposite camp rather than seeing them en masse as the enemy. "The peace process started when Israelis began to realize there is a difference between Yasser Arafat and Abu Nidal," said Shamir. Making such differentiations, however, was no

simple matter. "I have an Egyptian friend," he said, "who says there are no hawks and doves in Israel, only hawks and hawks that coo." What should be done? Encourage familiarity, said Shamir. Although Jordanians can easily pick up Israeli television, visitors from that country are inevitably surprised by what they find in Israel. "A Jordanian friend told me that from what he had seen on television he had expected to find nothing but men with beards and men with rifles." Jordan is now preparing a series of 10 television programs, called 'Who are They?' on aspects of daily life in Israel. "They might now call it "Who the hell are they?", "he joked.

As useful as such programs were, there was nothing as effective in changing people's perception of each other as direct human contacts and these, he said, must be promoted.

suggested an even more ambitious goal - rewriting history. Behind every nasty conflict, he said, lay distortions of history in which one side's special claims are justified while the other side is shown as depraved. Prof. Kennedy proposed a joint pro-ject involving Israeli, Arab and foreign historians to write a new history of the Middle East.

Prof. Sung-Joo Han of Korea, who has studied conflicts in his own country, Cyprus and then-divided many, said that hardliners on both sides to a dispute inevitably maintain that if you make a concession the other side will only pocket it and ask for more. Only force they argue, can make the other side come to terms. Hardliners on both sides have an interest in precipitating conflict." The non-hardliners in these disputes, he

said, argue that the other side must be

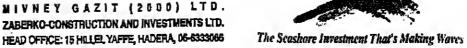
n SiA an interest in keeping agreements. Swiss banker Edgar de Piccioto said that the contending parties in the Middle East will eventually succumb to world trends and their own commercial natures. "Globalization has superseded the political system," he said. Peace was inevitable because of economic forces, he contended, and so was a regional structure in the Middle East ("This region is the quintessence of entrepreneurship") similar to the one that has taken shape in Europe. The Peres Peace Center has prepared a list of projects ranging from Palestinian-Israeli dialogues to an industrial park on the

Gaza border. Whatever the condition of that prostrate lady on the Mediterranean shore, Shimon Peres and his friends are clearly not ready to to let her rest in peace











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